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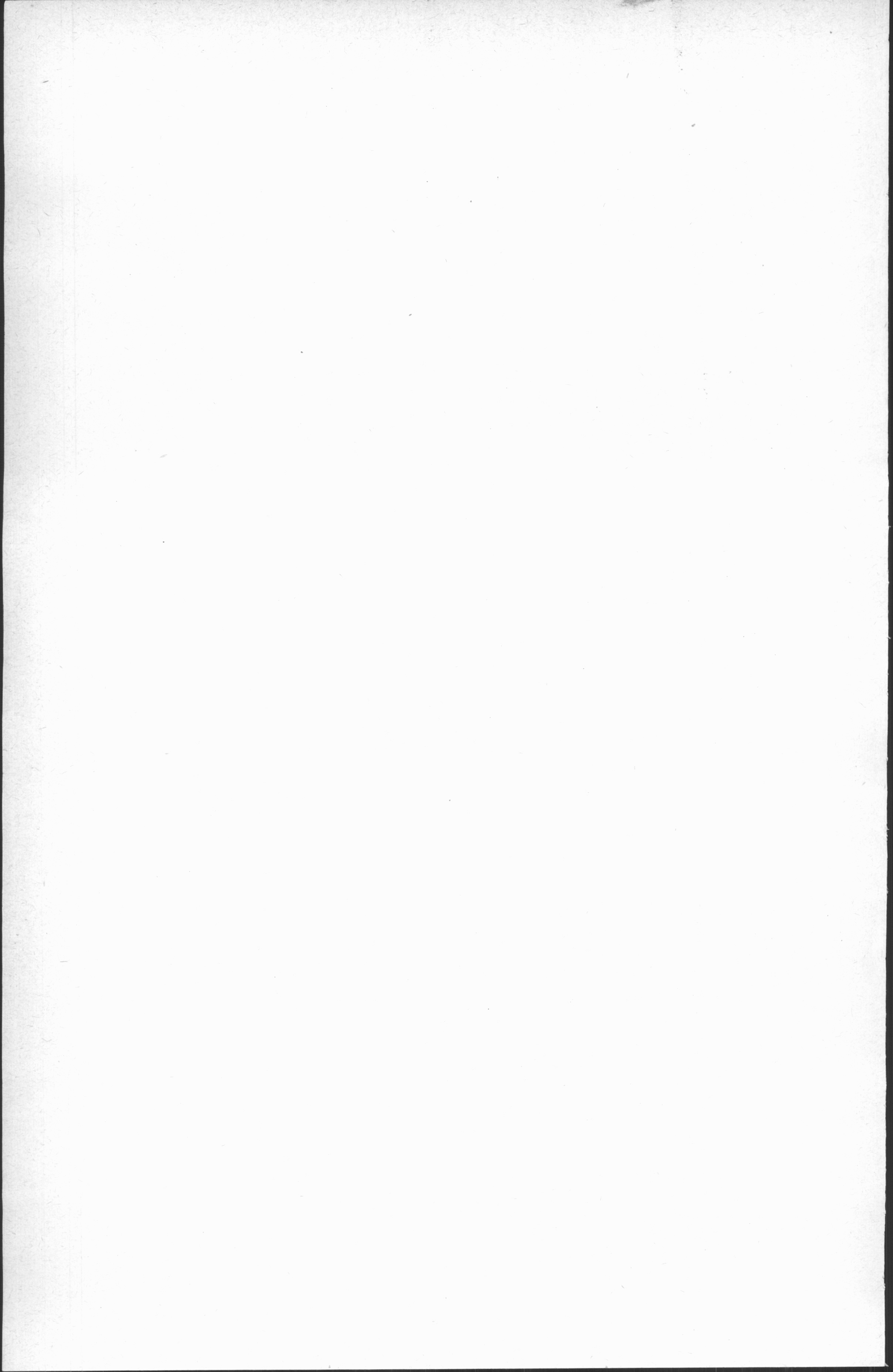
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# SUMMARY OF AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, FROM 1837 TO 1895.

Name of Colony. (Area in Square Miles.)	Year.	Population on the December.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants by Sea.	Emigrants by Sea.	Public Revenue.		Public Debt on 1st December.	Shipping Inwards and Outwards.		Miles open at the end of each year.	Total Cultivation.		Wheat.		Oats.		Barley.		Maize.		Other Cereals.		Potatoes.		Hay.		Green Forage.		Vines.		Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.		Pigs.		Year.	Name of Colony.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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# REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST,  
Melbourne, 7th January, 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit the Australasian Statistics for the year 1895.

Preliminary returns, containing the leading particulars embodied in these statistics, were forwarded to the Government Printer on the 2nd March, 8th and 23rd April, and 13th October, and duly published in the *Government Gazette*.

With the exception of Table V., Customs Revenue, which has been more systematically arranged, and Table XXXIII., Savings Banks, to which is appended a statement indicating the relative positions of the General Savings Banks of Victoria and New South Wales, the tables presented are in the same form as on the last occasion; whilst only one new table (XXXI.), giving the production of coal, has been added. This shows that the total output of coal in 1895 was 5 million tons, towards which New South Wales contributed as much as  $3\frac{3}{4}$  million tons; whilst the average price at the pit's mouth during the same year varied from 5s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in New South Wales to 12s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in Victoria—the average for the colonies as a whole being 7s.

I desire again to draw particular attention to want of uniformity and inaccuracy in the records of Arrivals and Departures by Sea, which was treated of in my last Report. In regard to the former matter, however, I understand that Dr. Wollaston, Secretary for Customs in Victoria, has recently taken steps with a view to secure, if possible, uniformity in the returns furnished to and compiled by the various Australasian Governments. As exemplifying the latter point, it may be stated that the net immigration by sea into Australasia during 1895 was 24,200 according to the colonial records, and even after reducing this number to 10,900 to allow for unrecorded departures still it was nearly twelve times as great as the net emigration from the United Kingdom to Australasia according to Imperial returns, viz., 921—as shown in the last foot-note to Table III. Moreover, the net recorded immigration during the period of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  years which has elapsed since the Census of 1891 was 112,700, which has been reduced for assumed unrecorded departures to about 72,000; whereas according to Imperial returns the net emigration to these colonies was only 16,600. If the latter be correct, the population of Australasia must be overstated by at least 50,000.

Table IV. shows that the taxation in Australasia forms 39 per cent. of the total revenue, and that nearly four-fifths of the former is indirect taxation—raised by means of Customs and Excise Duties—and the balance direct taxation. In 1895 the Customs revenue collected, according to Table V., amounted to over  $8\frac{1}{4}$  millions sterling, of which  $2\frac{1}{5}$  millions were derived from alcoholic liquors, &c. (£1,800,000 being from spirits alone), £1,200,000 from tobacco and opium, £1,700,000 from nine kinds of food and non-alcoholic beverages—amongst which sugar, tea, and fruits and vegetables figure most prominently, £1,000,000 under nine classes of textile and dress manufactures—three-fourths of which was from apparel and slops, drapery and haberdashery, wool and worsted manufactures, and boots and shoes; whilst miscellaneous articles under twelve heads—prominent amongst which are kerosene, live stock, machinery, and timber—account for £770,000, leaving a balance of only £1,400,000 under all other heads.

Here it may be mentioned that the end of the financial year in New South Wales was changed in 1895 from 31st December to 30th June; but the figures given for that colony on this occasion relate to the twelve months ended 31st December, 1895, which have been compiled with considerable difficulty from fragmentary statements. The financial years of all the continental colonies now terminate on the 30th June.

The Public Debt of Australasia at the end of 1895 (Tables VIII. to XI.) exceeded 213 millions\* sterling (or  $5\frac{3}{4}$  more than in 1894), of which 200 millions were payable in London and 13 in the colonies; whilst the annual interest payable amounted to  $8\frac{1}{4}$  millions, of which  $7\frac{3}{4}$  millions were payable in the former, and half-a-million in the latter. Considerable attention has latterly been directed to the subject of conversion and consolidation of loans; and not only this question, but also that of uniformity as regards future issues (as pointed out in the last Report accompanying these statistics)—a far easier and more practicable matter—demands the most careful consideration by the Colonial Treasurers. Much has been written of the so-called “savings” it would be possible to effect by conversion; but it will probably be found that these will vanish when examined on an actuarial basis. *A quid*

\* At the end of 1896 it was 217 millions.

*pro quo* will have to be given, and in addition there will be the cost of conversion, together with any extra monetary inducement to convert, which might (but which in my opinion ought not to) be offered; as against which must be weighed the savings to be effected in bank and other charges, and the probable rise in market price—a desideratum both to borrowers and lenders—which will tend also to improve the price obtainable for future issues. Hence, before it is too late—for two of the colonies have already issued loans at 3 per cent. amounting to 2 millions, and further issues must follow to cover  $3\frac{3}{4}$  millions which fell due in 1896,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  which fall due in the current year (1897), and nearly 11 millions within the subsequent four years—action ought to be taken to secure at least uniformity for all such future issues.

Now that decisive steps are being taken to bring about a federation of these colonies, the question naturally arises what will be the effect on the States' finances. If the Customs and Excise, Post and Telegraph, and Defence Departments of the existing Governments were transferred to the Commonwealth Government, the aggregate revenue of the colonies would be immediately reduced by £10,700,000, or by 37 per cent., and the expenditure by £3,360,000, or by only 12 per cent. The clear revenue handed over would thus be £7,340,000, portion of which would go to defray the general cost of Federal Government, which may be set down at between 1 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  millions; and portion to cover the loss arising, but not until a uniform Tariff had been imposed, from the abolition of duties on Intercolonial trade—estimated, according to a statement appended to the Report of the Finance Committee of the Convention of 1891, at £530,000; whilst the balance would be returned to the several colonies. The difference between £7,340,000 and the balance so returned will probably have to be made good by fresh taxation.

The Intercolonial trade, according to Table XIII., amounts to about  $23\frac{1}{2}$  millions sterling annually (or 47 millions if counted twice), being equivalent to over two-fifths of the whole trade. After federation, the whole of this will become absolutely free from all Tariff restrictions.

The aggregate value of the imports of Australasia, including Intercolonial trade, amounted to 51 millions sterling; and, according to Table XIV., the most striking articles, or groups of articles, imported were textile fabrics and dress to the extent of 10 millions; gold (for re-export),  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; wool (for re-export),  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ; sugar and iron and steel, each 2; machinery,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; silver and silver ore (for re-export),  $1\frac{1}{3}$ ; live stock,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ; tea, over 1; drugs and chemicals and spirits, each nearly 1 million; and timber, £800,000. The value of exports,\* according to the next table, amounted to 64 millions, chiefly made up of wool to the value of 24 millions; gold,  $11\frac{2}{3}$ ; meats (chiefly frozen),  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; silver and silver ore, nearly  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ; tallow and hides, each  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ; wheat and flour,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; butter,  $1\frac{1}{3}$ ; and sugar, coal, and live stock, each 1 million. New Zealand is distinguished by its unique export of kauri gum to the value of over £400,000.

The value of the gold raised in Australasia in 1895 is shown by Table XXX. to have amounted to 9 millions sterling. It will be seen that Victoria still maintains her supremacy as the leading gold-producing colony with a production valued at nearly 3 millions sterling, Queensland standing next with  $2\frac{1}{5}$ , then New Zealand with over 1 million, and Western Australia with less than £900,000.

A glance at Tables XXVI., XXVIII., and XXIX. will show that in 1895 the colonies exported 70 million pounds weight of frozen beef and 192 of mutton, valued at £2,360,000; also 31 million pounds weight of butter and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  of cheese, valued at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  millions sterling; whilst the total output of Australasian factory-made dairy produce was 60 million pounds weight of butter and  $15\frac{1}{2}$  of cheese.

The table relating to Fiji (Appendix A) now contains information for eighteen years, and that for New Guinea (Appendix B) for seven years.

A summary of the assisted immigration into these since 1850, grouped in decades, will be found in Appendix C.

This being the twenty-third issue of the Australasian Statistics, the folding sheet at the commencement of the work now contains a summary of the principal items relating to each colony from 1873 to 1895; whilst in foot-notes in the body of the work will be found particulars relating to a later year, whenever available.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

JAMES J. FENTON,  
Assistant Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

\* Including re-export of articles imported in the first instance from other colonies.

# AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1895.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.*	On the 31st December.						Estimated Mean Population of the Year.		
		Estimated Population.†			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.				
Victoria .. ..	87,884	605,164	576,587	1,181,751	104'96	95'28	13'45	605,810	574,230	1,180,040
New South Wales ..	309,175	685,160	592,710	1,277,870	115'60	86'51	4'13	679,055	585,605	1,264,660
Queensland .. ..	668,224	259,160	201,390	460,550	128'69	77'71	'69	254,997	197,855	452,852
South Australia Proper	379,805	181,161	171,492	352,653	105'64	94'66	'93	179,229	169,310	348,539
Do., Northern Territory	523,620	4,370	382	4,752	1,143'98	8'74	'01	4,344	369	4,713
Western Australia ..	975,920	69,727	31,508	101,235	221'30	45'19	'10	61,485	29,025	90,510
Total .. ..	2,944,628	1,804,742	1,574,069	3,378,811	114'65	87'22	1'15	1,784,920	1,556,394	3,341,314
Tasmania .. ..	26,375	85,303	75,530	160,833	112'94	88'54	6'10	84,285	74,860	159,145
New Zealand ‡ ..	104,471	369,725	328,981	698,706	112'38	88'98	6'69	366,744	325,673	692,417
Grand Total ..	3,075,474	2,259,770	1,978,580	4,238,350	114'21	87'56	1'38	2,235,949	1,956,927	4,192,876

NOTE.—Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

\* The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetric calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. The official figures for four of the colonies which differ from those given above, are as follow:—New South Wales, 306,066; Queensland, 668,497; South Australia (proper), 380,070; Tasmania, 26,215 square miles.

was estimated in this office that on the 31st December, 1896, the populations of the various colonies would be approximately as follow:—

Victoria .. ..	1,174,600	Western Australia .. ..	143,050
New South Wales .. ..	1,296,700	Tasmania .. ..	163,400
Queensland .. ..	473,100	New Zealand .. ..	714,700
South Australia .. ..	351,400		
Do., Northern Territory ..	4,820	Total .. ..	4,321,770

‡ On the 5th April, 1896, a Census was taken of the population of New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris) with the following result:—Males, 371,415; females, 331,945; total, 703,360. About the same date the ordinary estimate brought on since the Census of 1891 was about 700,300, or about 3,000 less than that shown by the Census.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages *	Per 1,000 of Mean Popu- lation.†—Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages *	Numerical	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
Victoria .. ..	17,372	16,334	33,706	8,881	6,755	15,636	7,181	28'56	13'25	6'08	18,070	115'57	106'35	131'47
New South Wales ..	19,878	18,897	38,775	8,671	6,243	14,914	8,030	30'66	11'79	6'35	23,861	159'99	105'19	138'89
Queensland .. ..	7,604	7,270	14,874	3,237	1,915	5,152	2,821	32'85	11'38	6'23	9,722	188'70	104'59	169'03
South Australia Proper	5,404	5,133	10,537	2,165	1,756	3,921	2,048	30'23	11'25	5'88	6,616	168'73	105'28	123'29
Do., Northern Territory	19	11	30	38	4	42	5	6'36	8'91	1'06	— 12 a	— 28'57 a	172'73	950'00
Western Australia ..	1,192	1,181	2,373	1,201	403	1,604	633	26'22	17'72	6'99	769	47'94	100'93	298'01
Total .. ..	51,469	48,826	100,295	24,193	17,076	41,269	20,718	30'02	12'35	6'20	59,026	143'03	105'41	141'68
Tasmania .. ..	2,432	2,358	4,790	1,047	764	1,811	847	30'10	11'38	5'32	2,979	164'49	103'14	137'04
New Zealand .. ..	9,493	9,053	18,546	3,966	2,897	6,863	4,110	26'78	9'91	5'94	11,683	170'23	104'97	136'90
Grand Total ..	63,394	60,237	123,631	29,206	20,737	49,943	25,675	29'48	11'91	6'12	73,688	147'54	105'24	140'84

\* The numbers in these two columns doubled give the total number of persons married and the number married in proportion to every thousand of the mean population.

† In calculating these results the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

a Excess of deaths over births.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1895.  
(As Recorded.)

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.			Number of Emigrants.*			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.†		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria .. .. .	55,481	25,718	81,199	60,061	28,825	88,886	-4,580	-3,107	-7,687
New South Wales .. .. .	49,878	26,173	76,051	43,827	22,507	66,334	6,051	3,666	9,717
Queensland .. .. .	16,420	7,171	23,591	12,844	5,809	18,653	3,576	1,362	4,938
South Australia Proper .. .. .	29,089	7,673	36,762	31,943	8,546	40,489	-2,854	-873	-3,727
Do., Northern Territory .. .. .	366	65	431	302	47	349	64	18	82
Western Australia .. .. .	24,173	5,350	29,523	9,509	1,620	11,129	14,664	3,730	18,394
Total .. .. .	175,407	72,150	247,557	158,486	67,354	225,840	16,921	4,796	21,717
Tasmania .. .. .	11,937	6,830	18,767	10,547	6,621	17,168	1,390	209	1,599
New Zealand .. .. .	14,181	7,681	21,862	13,746	7,221	20,967	435	460	895
Grand Total .. .. .	201,525	86,661	288,186	182,779	81,196	263,975	18,746 <sup>1</sup>	5,465 <sup>1</sup>	24,211 <sup>1</sup>

NOTE.—The numbers of assisted and free Immigrants were as follow :—New South Wales, 14 males, 23 females, total 37 ; Western Australia, 28 males, 116 females, total 144 ; total Australasia, 42 males, 139 females, total 181.

\* The figures in these columns generally understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted. The following is the estimated *unrecorded emigration* by sea during the year in the colonies named :—Victoria, 7,735 ; New South Wales, 3,199 ; South Australia (including by rail), 950 ; Tasmania, 1,201. In two of the colonies the *overland migration* was also separately estimated, the net results being as follow :—New South Wales, net emigration, 4,330 ; Queensland, net immigration, 735. Such information has not been estimated for Victoria, as the returns available have been considered as only misleading.

† In consequence of the emigration returns being defective, as stated in the last footnote, the figures in these columns are too high, except where the minus sign (—) appears indicating that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed, when the figures are too low.

<sup>1</sup> Net figures. According to Imperial returns, the number of persons who left the United Kingdom for the Australasian colonies in 1895 was 10,809, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 9,888. The excess in favour of departures was thus 921, or about one twenty-sixth of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1894-5.\*

Name of Colony.	Taxation.							
	Customs Duties, &c.	Excise Duties.	Land Tax.	Income Tax.†	Stamps.			Business Licences and other Taxes.
					Probate and Succession Duties.	Duties on Bank Notes.	Other Stamp Duties.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... .. .	1,809,140	308,975	120,093	140,796	139,084	20,774	139,000 <sup>1</sup>	34,451 <sup>2</sup>
New South Wales ... .. .	1,994,927	258,610	...	...	106,054	29,719	152,148	121,409 <sup>3</sup>
Queensland ... .. .	1,144,661	61,015	...	57,097	...	...	101,886	52,832 <sup>3</sup>
South Australia Proper ... .. .	472,268	28,020	86,031	58,034	70,520	7,083	19,136	21,564
Do., Northern Territory .. .. .	34,455	...	274	415	...	...	148	399
Western Australia... .. .	513,508	...	...	...	...	...	22,760	12,975
Total ... .. .	5,968,959	656,620	206,398	256,342	315,658	57,576	435,078	243,630
Tasmania ... .. .	304,366	18,390	49,883	48,814	4,360	1,874	13,463	23,229
New Zealand ... .. .	1,649,310	62,658	271,394	92,833	...	...	317,000 <sup>1</sup>	...
Grand Total ... .. .	7,922,635	737,668	527,675	397,989	320,018	59,450	765,541	266,859

Name of Colony.	Crown Lands Revenue.				Reproductive Public Works.			
	Sales (including progress payments).	Rents of Pastoral Lands.	Rents of Mineral Lands, &c.	Other.	Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply.‡	Post and Money Order Office.§	Telegraphs and Telephones.§
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... .. .	357,736	58,818	23,721	33,180	2,583,442	172,914	409,674 <sup>1</sup>	100,047
New South Wales ... .. .	1,132,701	749,913	45,388	60,026	3,170,621 <sup>5</sup>	273,905	473,287	175,058
Queensland ... .. .	199,120	353,480	19,810	...	977,289	...	146,879	70,198
South Australia Proper ... .. .	39,634	78,280	1,355	86,894	967,653	91,352	118,190	93,909
Do., Northern Territory .. .. .	176	8,107	1,674	168	15,346	...	649	...
Western Australia... .. .	28,833	57,860	45,270	8,928	295,733	13,454	38,429	42,327
Total ... .. .	1,758,200	1,306,458	137,218	189,196	8,010,084	551,625	1,187,108	481,539
Tasmania ... .. .	28,234	4,592	18,446	...	152,718	...	40,939	14,939
New Zealand ... .. .	137,055	167,570	39,100	...	1,182,280	...	242,615 <sup>1</sup>	123,112
Grand Total ... .. .	1,923,489	1,478,620	194,764	189,196	9,345,082	551,625	1,470,662	619,590

[For footnotes, see next page.]



TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1894-5\*—continued.

Name of Colony.	Other Sources.					Summary of Revenue from—				TOTAL REVENUE.
	Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures.	Public School Fees.	Interest.	Pilotage, Harbor, and Light Rates.¶	Miscellaneous.¶	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	91,237 <sup>1</sup>	...	41,399	...	127,671	2,712,313	473,455	3,266,077	260,307	6,712,152
New South Wales ...	130,336	73,319	50,171	49,532	188,032	2,662,867	1,988,028	4,092,871	491,390	9,235,156
Queensland ...	22,274	...	154,633	13,150	38,847	1,417,491	572,410	1,194,366	228,904	3,413,171
South Australia Proper...	37,033	2,532	45,607	26,070	82,524	762,656	206,163	1,271,104	193,766	2,433,689
Do., Northern Territory	628	...	...	834	686	35,691	10,125	15,995	2,148	63,959
Western Australia	14,467	...	5,169	9,943	16,285	549,243	140,891	389,943	45,864	1,125,941
Total ...	295,975	75,851	296,979	99,529	454,045	8,140,261	3,391,072	10,230,356	1,222,379	22,984,068
Tasmania ...	12,540	...	12,664	...	12,520	464,379	51,272	208,596	37,724	761,971
New Zealand ...	75,239 <sup>1</sup>	...	...	20,560	72,413	2,393,195	343,725	1,548,007	168,212	4,453,139
Grand Total ...	383,754	75,851	309,643	120,089	538,978	10,997,835	3,786,069	11,986,959	1,428,315	28,199,178

Name of Colony.	Proportion derived from—				Per Head of Population.**				
	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	40·41	7·05	48·65	3·88	2 6 0	0 8 0	2 15 5	0 4 5	5 13 10
New South Wales ...	28·83	21·53	44·32	5·32	2 2 1	1 11 5	3 4 9	0 7 10	7 6 1
Queensland ...	41·52	16·78	34·99	6·71	3 3 8	1 5 9	2 13 8	0 10 3	7 13 4
South Australia Proper	31·34	8·47	52·23	7·96	2 3 10	0 11 11	3 13 1	0 11 2	7 0 0
Do., Northern Territory	55·80	15·83	25·01	3·36	7 12 6	2 3 3	3 8 4	0 9 2	13 13 3
Western Australia ..	48·78	12·52	34·63	4·07	6 13 10	1 14 4	4 15 1	0 11 2	13 14 5
Total ...	35·42	14·75	44·51	5·32	2 9 0	1 0 5	3 1 7	0 7 4	6 18 4
Tasmania ...	60·94	6·73	27·38	4·95	2 18 4	0 6 5	1 6 3	0 4 9	4 15 9
New Zealand ...	53·74	7·72	34·76	3·78	3 9 2	0 9 11	2 4 9	0 4 10	6 8 8
Grand Total	39·00	13·43	42·51	5·06	2 12 8	0 18 2	2 17 5	0 6 10	6 15 1

NOTE.—Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries are excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria, New South Wales (although some book entries are still included in that colony), and New Zealand, but are included in those of Queensland, also in those of some of the other colonies. In comparing the revenue and expenditure under various heads in different colonies, the fact must not be overlooked that local or municipal government is more fully developed in some colonies (notably Victoria and New Zealand) than in others, and the revenue and expenditure in the former are lower in consequence. In Victoria and Queensland, almost the whole colony is under municipal government, and there are several boards and trusts besides; whereas in New South Wales, for example, only a very small proportion of the area has been locally administered. It is also to be noted that in Victoria the metropolitan tramways are in the hands of a public company, and the metropolitan water supply and sewerage and harbor works are under boards or trusts; whereas in New South Wales all of these are either directly or indirectly under Government.

\* Year ended 30th June, 1895, except in the cases of New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand, the figures for the two former being for the calendar year 1895, and those for the latter for the year ended 31st March, 1896.

† Including dividend tax, viz., the whole amount shown for Queensland, and £2,286 in Tasmania.

‡ Including interest received from local bodies, boards, &c., for Government loans as follow:—£139,312 in Victoria, £7,555 in New South Wales; but excluding revenue from metropolitan water supply and sewerage works in Victoria £166,346 receivable by the Board of Works.

§ In New South Wales, Queensland (in the case of letters only), South Australia, and Western Australia the values of official letters and telegrams are first charged as expenditure and then included as postal and telegraphic revenue, a practice not followed in Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand; hence the postal revenues of the following colonies are higher by the amounts shown than would otherwise be the case:—New South Wales, £29,799 for letters and £23,042 for telegrams; Queensland, about £27,000 (letters only); South Australia, £5,438 and £2,432 respectively; Western Australia, £4,252 and £7,824 respectively. See also footnotes to Table XVIII.

¶ See footnote †† on page 15, post.

¶¶ Including rents (exclusive of lands) as follow:—Victoria, £2,214; New South Wales, £66,092; South Australia, £2,394; Western Australia, £459; Tasmania, £3,579; also Mint receipts—Victoria, £15,881, New South Wales, £14,510.

\*\* In calculating the amounts for New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand the figures of mean population shown in the last column of Table I. have been taken; for the other colonies the population at end of 1894 has been used in each case.

<sup>1</sup> The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "stamp duties," "post office," and fines, fees, &c., has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.

<sup>2</sup> Including receipts (£17,123) from port and harbor dues, which in other colonies is not usually considered as taxation.

<sup>3</sup> Including publicans' licence-fees—£95,573 in New South Wales, and £15,419 in Queensland; in Victoria such fees, amounting to £106,568, are not paid into the general revenue.

<sup>4</sup> Included with "Other Stamp Duties."

<sup>5</sup> Including tramways (steam) £284,587; also £20,000 credited for free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors. No credit is taken in Victoria and some of the other colonies for the latter services.

ADDENDUM.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1895-6.

Victoria .. ..	£6,645,271	South Australia .. ..	£2,521,409
New South Wales .. ..	9,059,608	Western Australia .. ..	1,858,695
Queensland .. ..	3,641,583	Tasmania (1896) .. ..	807,697

TABLE V.—CUSTOMS REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1895.\*

Name of Colony.	Articles on which duty is levied.	Alcoholic Liquors and Materials Therefor.					Narcotics.		Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.						
		Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Hops.	Malt.	Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff.	Opium.	Sugar and Molasses.	Tea.	Fruits, Vegetables, &c. (Fresh and Preserved).	Grain and Pulse, &c., other than Rice.	Rice.	Butter and Cheese.	Fish (Fresh and Preserved).
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..		344,771	14,331	29,519	8,465	54	250,561	10,334	264,752	119,627	69,034	18,162	17,644	495	19,822
New South Wales ... ..		641,389	23,309	51,546	...	...	247,492	15,719	136,912	...	81,923	47,741	16,067	20,246	12,662
Queensland ... ..		251,043	13,775	23,993	11,221	32,247	163,999	26,871	746	81,134	41,150	51,764	28,635	16,223	8,900
South Australia Proper ... ..		79,066	2,940	10,234	5,747	8,275	66,631	411	44,337	34,111	22,500	869	2,107	177	6,898
Do., Northern Territory ... ..		6,825	63	552	8	...	3,730	8,213	536	824	303	63	6,006	28	118
Western Australia ... ..		129,504	16,060	36,271	2,146	5,649	70,849	1,806	10,194	9,105	17,086	40,614	1,119	22,185	2,988
Total ... ..		1,452,598	70,478	152,115	27,587	46,225	803,262	63,354	457,477	244,801	231,996	159,213	71,578	59,354	51,388
Tasmania ... ..		44,997	4,428	2,358	953	5	47,774	580	37,943	12,226	7,433	2,263	4,261	2,409	23
New Zealand ... ..		340,972	27,102	17,120	1,803	226	283,344	5,969	137,493	94,716	48,749	3,675	13,550	12	9,071
Grand Total ... ..		1,838,567	102,008	171,593	30,343	46,456	1,134,380	69,903	632,913	351,743	288,178	165,151	89,389	61,775	60,482

Name of Colony.	Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.		Textile Fabrics and Dress.								Miscellaneous.				
	Salt.	Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate.	Apparel and Slops.	Drapery and Haberdashery.†	Woollen and Worsted Manufactures.‡	Boots and Shoes.	Silk Manufac- tures.	Hats, Caps, and Bonnets.	Hosiery.	Cotton and Linen Manufactures.	Gloves.	Kerosene Oil.	Live Stock.	Machinery, Tools, and Implements.§	Timber.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	9,865	4,156	58,484	...	93,027	11,745	40,978	17,143	16,051	...	12,454	...	61,816	17,817	17,769
New South Wales ... ..	22,321	9,056	79,122 <i>b</i>	... <i>c</i>	... <i>a</i>	27,947	12,595 <i>b</i>	16,229 <i>b</i>	... <i>a</i>	...	11,352 <i>b</i>	53,582	...	15,403 <i>b</i>	47,657
Queensland ... ..	...	6,578	34,243	30,300	25,560	11,529	2,518	10,680	9,163	15,664	3,852	36,250	...	25,847	2,387
South Australia Proper ... ..	459	7,274	31,602	23,561	14,948	9,897	... <i>a</i>	8,656	5,538	...	... <i>a</i>	16,923	15,824	6,136	9,013
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	61	25	283	246	82	243	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	...	... <i>a</i>	200	...	30	5
Western Australia ... ..	867	2,002	12,489	27,006	1,836	9,621	... <i>a</i>	1,671	... <i>a</i>	...	... <i>a</i>	5,600	20,583	13,055	7,498
Total ... ..	33,573	29,091	216,223	81,113	135,453	70,982	56,091	54,379	30,752	15,664	27,658	112,555	98,223	78,288	84,329
Tasmania ... ..	2,078	2,129	... <i>a</i>	51,125	710 <i>e</i>	7,008	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	... <i>a</i>	5,348	3,200	5,502	2,502
New Zealand ... ..	5,254	5,677	78,556	45,786	41,793	25,902	14,738	12,174	12,313	22,520	... <i>a</i>	47,365	391	7,668	2,864
Grand Total ... ..	40,905	36,897	294,779	178,024	177,956	103,892	70,829	66,553	43,065	38,184	27,658	165,268	101,814	91,458	89,695

TABLE V.—CUSTOMS REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1895—continued.

Name of Colony.	Miscellaneous.								All other Import Duties.	Primage Duties.	Duty Received.			
	Oil (other than Kerosene).	Hay and Chaff.	Medicines and Drugs.	Candles.	Cement.	Matches and Vestas.	Furniture and Upholstery.	Bottles.			At Fixed Rates.	At Ad Valorem Rates.	Total.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	11,588	...	10,686	1,964	11,665	8,245	4,317	10,314	192,205	79,213	1,391,147	467,926	1,859,073	1 11 6
New South Wales ... ..	12,446	28,293	...	9,876	14,820	...	4,270	553 <sup>b</sup>	386,979	...	1,643,688	403,819	2,047,507 <sup>d</sup>	1 12 4 <sup>d</sup>
Queensland ... ..	16,061	3,849	12,422	6,835	4,803	3,958	4,998	965	217,685	...	939,095	298,753	1,237,848	2 14 8
South Australia Proper ... ..	6,416	31	7,730	3,089	974	1,751	4,093	...	137,957	...	424,985	171,190	596,175	1 14 3
Do., Northern Territory	439	8	112	72	14	148	23	...	1,847	...	29,376	1,731	31,107	6 12 0
Western Australia ... ..	2,224	21,893	5,208	4,378	1,543	1,181	4,218	196	105,812 <sup>f</sup>	...	466,116	148,341	614,457	6 15 9
Total ... ..	49,174	54,074	36,158	26,214	33,819	15,283	21,919	12,028	1,042,485	79,213	4,894,407	1,491,760	6,386,167	1 18 3
Tasmania ... ..	3,392	...	2,859	1,148	1,185	657	985	123	49,529	45	208,267	98,911	307,178 <sup>d</sup>	1 18 7 <sup>d</sup>
New Zealand ... ..	12,214	26	14,746	15,693	5,186	13,128	5,137	...	241,575	...	1,166,759	447,749	1,614,508	[303,717] [1 18 2]
Grand Total ... ..	64,780	54,100	53,763	43,055	40,190	29,068	28,041	12,151	1,333,589	79,258	6,269,433	2,038,420	8,307,853	1 19 8

NOTE.—The articles under the various heads are placed in order according to the amounts received in Australasia. The headings are of a comprehensive nature, similar articles being, as far as possible, embraced under each in the various colonies.

\* All the figures in this table relate to the calendar year.—† The indefinite term of "Drapery, &c.," which figures so largely in the returns of all the other colonies, is not used in Victoria; the articles embraced thereunder being distributed under more specific heads. Hence this circumstance must be borne in mind when comparing the figures under this and the following heads:—Woolleens, Silks, Hosiery; Gloves; and Cotton and Linen Manufactures.—‡ Including blankets, carpeting, flannels, rugs, woollen piece-goods and manufactures, and yarn.—§ Including steam boilers and engines, cream separators, cutlery, tools and implements, machinery—agricultural, spinning and weaving, &c., and sewing machines.

a Included under "Drapery."—b Approximate figures only.—c Included under "All other Import Duties."—d Gross amount; the net amount is shown in brackets.—e Carpets and rugs only.—f Including £13,948 for bacon, £7,738 for other meats (preserved, salted, &c.), £5,311 preserved milk, £4,948 potatoes, &c., &c.

TABLE VI.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE, 1894-5.\*

(Exclusive of Loan Expenditure.)

Name of Colony.	General Administration.†	Defences (Naval and Military).	Crown Lands.			Public Instruction, Science, &c.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services.				Public Debt. (Raised chiefly for Public Works.)		Customs and Excise.	Ports and Harbors. ‡‡	Miscellaneous. §§	Total.
			Administration and Survey.	Agriculture and Grazing. ‡	Mining.			Railways and Tramways. §	Water Supply, Irrigation, and Sewerage.	General Public Works. ¶	Post and Telegraphs. **	Interest and Expenses. ††	Redemption of Loans.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	1,021,255	194,020	67,848	102,941	85,696	604,109	255,417	1,428,701	27,140	276,836	652,752	1,880,196	...	68,335	29,260	65,933	6,760,439
New South Wales ...	1,231,243	274,974	332,154	81,840	71,120	781,007	349,011	1,882,612	104,334	744,507	774,200	2,304,927	102,770 <sup>1</sup>	75,630	207,839	315,135	9,633,303 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland ...	434,373 <sup>3</sup>	63,069	61,466	31,407	17,757	221,605	109,320	581,973	1,802	105,308	298,467	1,256,582	...	42,834	52,288	30,183	3,308,434
South Australia Proper ...	229,803	29,753	49,922	23,483	10,447	153,600	77,237	592,999	19,225	103,256	192,668	923,137	61,100	20,405	14,081	52,129	2,553,245
" " Northern Territory	13,953	...	625	5,352	4,123	235	2,540	11,102	...	1,500	4,020	66,161	...	4,094	...	14,984	128,689
Western Australia ...	177,347	16,128	30,559	4,222	17,156	24,365	39,851	183,941	15,813	143,103	86,800	139,815	14,908	15,484	9,153	17,755 <sup>4</sup>	936,400 <sup>4</sup>
Total ...	3,107,974	577,944	542,574	249,245	206,299	1,784,921	833,376	4,681,328	168,314	1,374,510	2,008,907	6,570,818	178,778	226,782	312,621	496,119	23,320,510
Tasmania ...	93,839	8,577	8,660	1,438	4,621	39,212	40,378	120,388	...	21,981	61,972	328,882	12,184	6,814	...	...	748,946
New Zealand ...	404,975	98,984	144,714	43,892	15,393	453,156	143,759	744,200	...	349,075 <sup>5</sup>	343,852	1,558,798	...	34,585	28,157	44,809	4,408,349 <sup>5</sup>
Grand Total ...	3,606,788	685,505	695,948	294,575	226,313	2,277,289	1,017,513	5,545,916	168,314	1,745,566	2,414,731	8,458,498	190,962	268,181	340,778	540,928	28,477,805

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure incurred for—									Total Expenditure per Head.
	General Administration and Defences.	Crown Lands.	Public Instruction and Science.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services.			Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	All other.	
					Railways and Tramways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other.			
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	17'98	3'79	8'94	3'78	21'13	9'65	4'50	27'81	2'42	5 14 8
New South Wales ... ..	15'64	5'04	8'11	3'62	19'54	8'04	8'81	24'99	6'21	7 12 4
Queensland ... ..	15'04	3'34	6'70	3'30	17'59	9'02	3'24	37'98	3'79	7 8 8
South Australia Proper ... ..	10'25	3'31	5'27	3'05	23'41	7'61	4'83	38'85	3'42	7 6 10
„ „ Northern Territory ... ..	10'84	7'85	'18	1'97	8'63	3'12	1'17	51'41	14'83	27 9 9
Western Australia ... ..	20'66	5'55	2'60	4'26	19'64	9'27	16'97	16'52	4'53	11 8 2
Total ... ..	15'81	4'28	7'65	3'57	20'07	8'62	6'62	28'94	4'44	7 0 4
Tasmania ... ..	13'67	1'97	5'24	5'39	16'07	8'27	2'93	45'55	'91	4 14 1
New Zealand ... ..	11'43	4'63	10'28	3'26	16'88	7'80	7'92	35'36	2'44	6 7 4
Grand Total ... ..	15'07	4'27	8'00	3'57	19'48	8'48	6'72	30'37	4'04	6 16 5

# NOTES.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

\* For years to which the figures relate see footnote (\*). Table IV.

† GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.—Consisting of cost of Legislature, Civil, Judicial, and Legal Establishments, and Police and Gaols; also State aid to religion (if any); and all pensions payable out of the general revenue. State aid to religion was paid as follows:—£7,233 in New South Wales, £125 in Queensland, £3,543 in Western Australia, and £175 in Tasmania. The amount for New South Wales does not include pensions and gratuities, to the extent of about £55,500, which was paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Account, to which the officers contributed about £65,000, or at the rate of 4 per cent. of salaries; the balance at credit of the fund at the end of the year was £514,900.

‡ AGRICULTURE, ETC.—Including amounts paid towards the extermination of rabbits, wild dogs, and other vermin—£9,489 in Victoria, £17,809 in Queensland, £4,322 in South Australia, and £2,096 in Western Australia; also towards the eradication of vine and other vegetable diseases—£6,961 in Victoria, £976 in New South Wales, and £160 in South Australia. Bonuses were also granted to encourage the export of colonial products as follow:—£24,863 to dairying, agricultural, and wine and fruit industries in Victoria, £149 for butter in New South Wales, and £8,368 in South Australia. The following payments on account of Labour and Village Settlements are also included:—£31,308 in Victoria, £7,023 in New South Wales, and £435 in South Australia.

§ RAILWAYS.—Including expenditure on construction as follows:—£5,517 in New South Wales.

|| WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.—Exclusive of Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage works in Victoria, which is under the control of a Board of Works. See Table XII. *post*.

¶ GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS.—Including capital expenditure (other than that from loans) on public works and buildings of all kinds—such as public offices, court-houses, gaols and police buildings, customs houses, roads and bridges, harbor, drainage and reclamation works, &c.; also *Endowments or Subsidies to Municipalities* as follow:—£100,000 in Victoria, £89,023 in New South Wales, £62,947 in Queensland, £75,375 in South Australia, £14,129 (exclusive of £23,459, grants for roads and bridges) in Western Australia. £4,405 in Tasmania, and £63,879 in New Zealand.

\*\* POST OFFICE, ETC.—Interest on Post Office and other Savings Banks' deposits included as follow:—£99,296 in Victoria, and £45,749 in New South Wales.

†† INTEREST, ETC., ON DEBT.—Expenses are not included in the case of Tasmania. The item for New Zealand includes contribution to the sinking fund; but £145,580, proceeds of debentures issued to cover accretions of sinking fund, have been deducted. Interest on Treasury Bonds or Bills in aid of revenue included as follows:—Victoria, £36,083; New South Wales, £66,294; South Australia, £38,640; Tasmania, £11,034; New Zealand, £39,658.

‡‡ In Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand the principal ports are under the control of Trusts, the finances of which are given in Table XII. *post*. In Tasmania, moreover, there was an expenditure on light-houses, apparently not included in the public accounts, of £7,469 in 1895, covered by a revenue of £8,652, of which £4,834 was raised mainly by light dues, and £3,818 was contributed by other Governments.

§§ MISCELLANEOUS.—Including the following general items of interest:—*Expenditure on Immigration* (apart from loans)—£695 in New South Wales, £872 in Queensland; also on *Aborigines*—£5,516 in Victoria, £9,302 in New South Wales, £872 in Queensland, £5,585 in South Australia, and £7,732 in Western Australia. *Royal Mint Subsidy*—£20,000 in Victoria, £16,250 in New South Wales. *Payments to Postal Department for Official Letters and Telegrams* in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia, as specified in footnote (§) on page 11 *ante*. In New South Wales there are also included rates paid to municipalities and charges claimed by certain Departments of State for services rendered to other Departments generally—items which are not so included in the public accounts of Victoria, as follow:—Municipal rates on Government buildings, £8,927; Water and Sewerage rates on ditto, £8,525. Free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors, £20,000. The following *special items* are also included:—Victoria—Fire Brigades Act £12,274; New South Wales—Government Labour Bureau and Relief of Unemployed £39,981, Glebe Island Abattoirs (under local bodies in Victoria) £12,405; Queensland—Expenses in connexion with shearers' strike, £17,368, Labour Bureau, £7,849, and Border Tax Refund, £3,181; New Zealand—Native expenditure (chiefly on native land courts and schools), £23,770, and Labour Department, £8,100.

<sup>1</sup> Including fifth instalment of £75,000 towards redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the "reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way" on railways.

<sup>2</sup> Net expenditure as far as possible, some book entries, however, are still included. Of the total expenditure of New South Wales £1,038,223 was stated to have been paid on account of 1894 and previous years.

<sup>3</sup> Approximate only.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of £329 advanced on account of Public Depositors Relief Act.

<sup>5</sup> Including £150,000 transferred to Public Works Fund.

## ADDENDUM.—EXPENDITURE, 1895-6.

Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..	£6,535,954	South Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,509,468
New South Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,524,344	Western Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,823,863
Queensland	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,567,947								



TABLE VII.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Expended during Year on—								Total.
	Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply.	Sewerage.	Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks.	Roads and Bridges.	Defences.	Immigration.	Other Works and Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	187,745	45,172	...	...	...	...	...	...	232,917
New South Wales ...	469,425	148,190	198,648	278,093	22,544	16,150	...	174,435	1,307,485
Queensland ... ..	163,303	19,862	...	7,940	22	2,076	...	174,570 <sup>a</sup>	367,773
South Australia, Proper	153,836	208,318	18,556	11,493	27,186	9	...	112,488	531,886
Do., Northern Territory	1,189	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,189
Western Australia ...	362,590	49	...	138,580	11,718	...	2,576	90,989	606,502
Total ... ..	1,338,088	421,591	217,204	436,106	61,470	18,235	2,576	552,482	3,047,752
Tasmania ... ..	1,922	...	...	... <sup>b</sup>	54,489 <sup>b</sup>	...	...	56,867	113,278
New Zealand ... ..	197,106	...	...	7,410	174,883	5,000	...	2,587,804 <sup>c</sup>	2,972,203
Grand Total ... ..	1,537,116	421,591	217,204	443,516	290,842	23,235	2,576	3,197,153	6,133,233

NOTE.—Expenditure towards the redemption of old loans is excluded. For periods to which the figures relate, see footnote (\*) to Table No. IV., ante.

<sup>a</sup> Including £170,472 granted or re-lent to Local Bodies.  
<sup>b</sup> Expenditure on "Harbors, &c." included with that on "Roads and Bridges."  
<sup>c</sup> Including the following items:—

Government Advances to Settlers (Crédit Foncier System) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,500,008
Preferred Shares under Bank of New Zealand and Bank Act 1895 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500,000
Land Purchases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	346,391
Granted or Re-lent to Local Bodies ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105,306
Telegraph extension ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,538

TABLE VIII.—PUBLIC DEBT—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED—31st DECEMBER, 1895.

(Exclusive of Temporary Treasury Bills in aid of Revenue.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—							
	Railways and Tramways.	Electric Telegraphs.	Water Supply and Sewerage.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, Docks, &c.	School Buildings.	Defence Works.	Other Public Works.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	36,924,285	...	7,197,707	108,042	626,018	1,105,556	100,000	766,909
New South Wales * ...	40,670,558	844,054	7,007,427	905,856	3,492,327	398,093	1,228,700	2,328,976
Queensland ... ..	18,458,536	847,957	1,139,153	1,555,472 <sup>a</sup>	2,012,754	... <sup>b</sup>	217,367	989,716
South Australia † ...	12,873,682	879,098	3,821,138	1,376,584	1,174,768	491,382	250,645	255,877
Western Australia ...	2,176,198	253,751	3,000	86,792	417,378	...	...	163,472
Total ... ..	111,103,259	2,824,860	19,168,425	4,032,746	7,723,245	1,995,031	1,796,712	4,504,950
Tasmania ... ..	3,896,585	117,649	...	... <sup>c</sup>	2,223,212	144,363	128,389	955,747
New Zealand ‡ ... ..	15,099,677	734,560	598,486	3,982,728	917,513 <sup>d</sup>	...	434,719 <sup>d</sup>	2,420,570
Grand Total ... ..	130,099,521	3,677,069	19,766,911	8,015,474	10,863,970	2,139,394	2,359,820	7,881,267

[For footnotes, see next page.]

TABLE VIII.—PUBLIC DEBT—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED—31st DECEMBER, 1895—  
continued.

(Exclusive of Temporary Treasury Bills in aid of Revenue.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—				Total Public Debt.			Proportion of Total Debt contracted for Railways and Telegraphs.
	Immigration.	Deficiencies in Revenue.	Balance.		Amount.¶	Average per Head.*‡	Multiple of Revenue.††	
			Other Services.§	Unapportioned.‡‡				
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	Years.	per cent.
Victoria ...	...	...	...	...	46,828,517	39 12 6	6·98	78·85
New South Wales* ..	199,528	...	...	...	57,075,519	44 13 3	6·18	72·74
Queensland ...	2,787,985	375,869	...	3,489,125	31,873,934	69 4 2	9·34	60·57
South Australia † ...	...	...	1,432,851	...	22,556,025	63 2 2	9·03	60·97
Western Australia ...	10,771	...	217,179	661,571	3,990,112	39 8 3	3·54	60·90
Total ...	2,998,284	375,869	1,650,030	4,150,696	162,324,107	48 0 10	7·06	70·19
Tasmania ...	235,713	146,871	— 65,759	...	7,782,770	48 7 9	10·21	51·58
New Zealand‡ ...	2,146,644	218,500	1,374,427	15,122,956 e	43,050,780	61 12 4	9·67	36·78
Grand Total ...	5,380,641	741,240	2,958,698	19,273,652	213,157,657	50 5 10	7·56	62·76

NOTE.—Loans paid off on the 1st January, 1896, are excluded; also all loans raised to pay off old loans about to fall due. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1896. There were also temporary Treasury Bills in aid of revenue as follow:—Victoria, £750,000; New South Wales, £1,602,884; South Australia, £849,225; and Tasmania, £398,154. On the 31st December, 1896, the debts of the colonies named were as follow:—

Victoria ..	£46,000,509	Tasmania ..	£8,084,678
New South Wales ..	57,862,983	New Zealand ..	44,252,675
Queensland ..	31,873,934		
South Australia ..	23,337,200	Total ..	£217,032,213
Western Australia ..	4,720,234		

\* The figures for New South Wales were based on the gross expenditure from the Loan Account to end of year, the loans paid off (£10,145,680) being deducted, and the charges of floating loans being added proportionately.

† Including the Northern Territory.

‡ The figures set down as showing the objects for which the Public Debt of New Zealand was contracted represent the net expenditure out of the "Public Works Fund" since 1870—the date of the first Immigration and Public Works Loan—which is the only existing record of the loan expenditure; it is, however, stated that, besides loan moneys, receipts in aid from Stamp duties, &c., contributed somewhat towards the total sum so expended. The balance required to make up the total debt at the end of March, 1896, has been entered as "Unapportioned."

§ In South Australia, £491,000 under this head was expended on general public works for the Northern Territory, and £916,226 was raised to pay lessees for improvements on pastoral leases; in New Zealand, £1,297,854 was devoted to land purchases (chiefly from the Maoris), and £61,973 was paid for rates on native lands, &c. From the amount originally returned for Tasmania (viz., £299,341), debentures redeemed, &c., have been deducted, since the purposes are not specified for which the original loans thereby paid off were raised; and as the deduction is greater than the original figures, there results a minus (—) quantity.

‡ Consisting of deficiencies in floating loans and unexpended balances. In Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland—but only periodically in the last case—deficiencies in floating loans are distributed over the heads for which the loans were raised.

¶ As a set-off against the public debt, New Zealand possessed an accrued sinking fund amounting, on the 31st March, 1896, to £778,891; the net liability of that colony was, therefore, £42,271,889, or £60 10s. od. per head of population, nearly equal to nine and a quarter times the revenue. The sinking funds possessed by the other colonies are comparatively small, consisting of the following amounts:—Victoria, none of any importance; Western Australia, £154,785; Tasmania, £122,464.

\* In calculating these results, the populations on the 31st December, shown in the fifth column of Table I., have been used.

†† In calculating these results, the figures of public revenue given in Table IV. have been used.

a Including £690,826, loans to local bodies, chiefly for Roads and Bridges.

b Included with other public works.

c The amount for Roads and Bridges is included with that for Harbors, &c.

d In New Zealand, a portion of the expenditure on "Defences" is included under the head of "Harbors," &c., and a portion is under the head of "Unapportioned."

e Consisting of amounts spent out of the old provincial loans of New Zealand, prior to the abolition of provinces in 1876, loans not accounted for (including some defence loans), and the unspent balances of loan moneys; also £1,026,828 for charges and expenses of raising loans. No particulars of the purposes to which the former were applied are available.

TABLE IX.—PUBLIC DEBT—INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL—31st DECEMBER, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Loans repayable in—								Total Debt Outstanding.
	London.				Australasia.				
	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills.	Total.	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Victoria ...	11,287,400	32,808,200	...	44,095,600	815,077	1,917,840	...	2,732,917	46,828,517
New South Wales ...	10,988,650	39,535,100	2,000,000	52,523,750	777,000	3,024,769	750,000	4,551,769	57,075,519
Queensland ...	9,810,100	20,564,034	...	30,374,134	1,499,800	...	...	1,499,800	31,873,934
South Australia ...	10,767,600	10,238,300	...	21,005,900	538,600	511,525	500,000	1,550,125	22,556,025
Western Australia ...	394,031	3,581,646	14,435	3,990,112	...	...	...	...	3,990,112
Total ...	43,247,781	106,727,280	2,014,435	151,989,496	3,630,477	5,454,134	1,250,000	10,334,611	162,324,107
Tasmania ...	3,076,550	4,456,500	...	7,533,050	249,720	...	...	249,720	7,782,770
New Zealand ...	3,895,982	36,781,198	...	40,677,180	...	2,373,600	...	2,373,600	43,050,780
Grand Total ...	50,220,313	147,964,978	2,014,435	200,199,726	3,880,197	7,827,734	1,250,000	12,957,931	213,157,657

NOTE.—See note to preceding Table.

TABLE X.—INTEREST ON LOANS OUTSTANDING, 31st DECEMBER, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Amount of Loans Bearing Interest at —									Total.	Annual Interest Payable.				
	6½%	6%	5½%	5%	4½%	4¼%	4%	3½%	3%		In London.		In Australia.		Total.
											Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£		£
Victoria ...	...	...	...	31,900	5,000,000	...	29,796,617	12,000,000	...	46,828,517	1,729,140	3·92	109,320	4·00	1,838,460
New South Wales ...	...	94,500	4,500	3,363,350	3,700	750,000	23,010,669	29,326,200	522,600	57,075,519	1,979,181	3·77	189,466	4·16	2,168,647
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,384,300	10,489,634	...	31,873,934	1,166,480	3·84	56,029	3·74	1,222,509
South Australia ...	...	939,400	...	290,000	500,000 <sup>1</sup>	...	17,464,400	3,362,225	...	22,556,025	847,432	4·03	62,185	4·15	909,617
Western Australia ...	...	33,000	...	83,100	102,819	...	3,021,193	750,000	...	3,990,112	157,860	3·96	...	...	157,860
Total ...	...	1,066,900	4,500	3,768,350	5,606,519	750,000	94,677,179	55,928,059	522,600	162,324,107	5,880,093	3·87	417,000	4·03	6,297,093
Tasmania ...	...	179,900	...	100	...	...	4,145,570	3,457,200	...	7,782,770	287,430	3·82	10,194	4·09	297,624
New Zealand ...	35,000	155,800	...	1,007,900	1,906,192	...	31,537,302	6,908,586	1,500,000	43,050,780	1,595,339	3·92	100,663	4·22	1,696,002
Grand Total...	35,000	1,402,600	4,500	4,776,350	7,512,711	750,000	130,360,051	66,293,845	2,022,600	213,157,657	7,762,862	3·87	527,857	4·07	8,290,719

NOTE.—*Expenses of Paying Interest.*—The charges for paying interest in London consist of exchange on remittances, averaging about '67 (13s. 5d.) 'per cent.; also, in the case of debenture loans, a commission of ½ per cent. on the interest payable; or, in the case of inscribed loans, an annual charge on the capital cost for inscription and management. The average annual charge for such inscription, &c., was as follows in the colonies named:—Victoria, £436 per million; New South Wales, £538; South Australia, £250; New Zealand, £436. See note to Table VIII., *ante*.

<sup>1</sup> Exact rate, £4 11s. 3d. per £100 in this case.



TABLE XI.—DUE DATES OF PUBLIC LOANS, 31st DECEMBER, 1895.

When repayable.	Amounts Outstanding in—							Total Amount in—	
	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Australia.	Australasia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895† ...	...	4,150	...	...	...	...	...	4,150	4,150
1896‡ ...	...	3,727,400	...	30,000	...	600	51,800	3,757,400	3,809,800
1897 {	31,900	65,800	...	60,000	...	600	303,890	2,143,522	2,448,012
1898 ...	*1,985,822	179,700	...	390,000	14,435	60,150	2,161,400	584,135	2,805,685
1899 ...	1,500,000	197,700	...	1,140,000	...	200	418,302	2,837,700	3,256,202
1900 ...	...	861,600	...	310,000	...	31,220	48,000	1,171,600	1,250,820
1901 ...	3,000,000	420,900	...	67,300	33,000	100,000	...	3,521,200	3,621,200
1902 ...	...	459,000	...	65,000	65,500	31,200	...	589,500	620,700
1903 ...	...	1,003,700	...	65,000	...	55,680	...	1,068,700	1,124,380
1904 ...	5,457,000	58,000	...	62,500	...	21,870	...	5,577,500	5,599,370
1905 ...	...	903,800	...	72,500	17,600	10,500	101,600	993,900	1,106,000
1906 ...	...	224,900	...	37,500	...	...	...	262,400	262,400
1907 ...	4,000,000	...	...	1,037,500	...	...	1,000,000	5,037,500	6,037,500
1908 ...	2,000,000	1,450,000	...	1,951,100	...	300,000	448,000	5,401,100	6,149,100
1909 ...	...	1,799,500	...	3,122,700	...	...	40,000	4,922,200	4,962,200
1910 ...	...	2,863,700	...	60,300	...	...	186,390	2,924,000	3,110,390
1911 ...	*2,107,000(15)	...	...	68,300	1,876,000(20)	1,000,000	...	4,051,300	5,051,300
1912 ...	...	*2,734,580	...	85,000	...	...	...	2,819,580	2,819,580
1913 {	4,000,000	...	1,466,500	47,000	...	546,650	506,500	6,260,295	7,313,445
1914 ...	*746,795(10)	...	...	35,000	...	800,000	342,200	35,000	1,177,200
1915 ...	...	...	11,728,800	35,000	750,000(20)	...	3,800	12,513,800	12,117,600
1916 ...	...	...	...	1,963,300	...	...	12,200	3,523,700	3,535,900
1917 ...	...	...	...	*1,560,400(10)	...	...	...	3,548,200	3,548,200
1918 ...	...	...	...	1,365,800	...	...	...	14,303,100	14,303,100
1919 ...	...	12,826,200	...	*2,182,400(10)	...	...	...	4,026,000	4,026,000
1920 ...	4,000,000	...	...	1,476,900	...	...	...	6,335,525	6,335,525
1921 ...	6,000,000	...	...	26,000	...	300,000	...	...	...
1922 ...	...	...	...	335,525	...	...	...	...	...
1923 ...	*5,000,000(5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,000,000	5,000,000
1924 ...	7,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,000,000	7,000,000
1925 ...	...	16,520,000	12,973,834	1,651,300	...	...	...	31,145,134	31,145,134
1926 ...	...	50,000	...	...	...	...	...	50,000	50,000
1927 ...	...	...	...	...	...	67,600	24,200	...	91,800
1928 ...	...	...	...	200,000	...	...	29,150,302	200,000	29,350,302
1929 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,704,800	3,704,800
1930 ...	...	...	3,704,800	...	...	...	...	...	...
1931 ...	...	9,686,300	...	...	...	...	...	9,686,300	9,686,300
1932 ...	...	...	...	...	955,646	...	...	955,646	955,646
1933 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	605,500	605,500
1934 ...	...	272,600	...	332,900	...	...	...	2,719,800	2,719,800
1935 ...	...	...	...	2,719,800	...	...	...	...	10,587,396
1936 ...	...	...	...	...	...	4,456,500	6,130,896	2,000,000	3,500,000
1937 ...	...	...	2,000,000	...	...	...	1,500,000	...	...
1938 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939 ...	...	233,100	...	...	277,931	...	621,300	511,031	1,132,331
1940 ...	...	532,889	...	...	...	...	...	532,889	532,889
1941 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1942 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1943 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1944 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1945 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annual drawings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indefinite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	46,828,517	57,075,519	31,873,934	22,556,025	3,990,112	7,782,770	43,050,780	162,324,107	213,157,657

NOTE.—See note to Table VIII., ante.  
\* Or at any time subsequently, at the option of the Government, after due notice, within the period of years shown in parentheses; but when the period is indefinite, the sign ∞ appears.  
† Debentures overdue.  
‡ Exclusive of those repayable on 1st January.

TABLE XII.—FINANCES OF LOCAL BODIES OR CORPORATIONS, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Municipalities or Local Governing Bodies.								
	No.	Area.		Revenue (exclusive of Loans).*				Expenditure (including Expenditure from Loans).*	Loans Outstanding (including Government Loans).†
		Acres.	Percentage of whole Colony.	From Government.	Raised by Local Taxation.	From other Sources.	Total.		
				£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	207	55,786,518	99·2	154,003	896,199	142,521	1,192,723	1,228,809	4,025,390
New South Wales <sup>1</sup>	182	1,754,941	·9	53,483	499,745	201,011	754,239	954,380	2,583,874
Queensland ...	153	427,506,560	100·0	69,118	219,037	107,404	395,559	392,108	472,398
South Australia	173	27,173,451 <sup>2</sup>	4·7	33,114	129,396	80,073	242,583	241,539	...
Total ...	715	512,221,470	40·7	309,718	1,744,377	531,009	2,585,104	2,816,836	7,390,574
Tasmania ...	135	7,142,408	42·3	6,200	86,980	22,752	115,932	164,148	...
New Zealand ...	175 <sup>3</sup>	65,393,346	97·8	144,128	626,516	190,414	961,058 <sup>4</sup>	1,132,724	3,464,782
Grand Total ...	1,025	584,757,224	43·5	460,046	2,457,873	744,175	3,662,094	4,113,708	10,855,356

[For footnotes, see next page.]

TABLE XII.—FINANCES OF LOCAL BODIES OR CORPORATIONS, 1895—continued.

Name of Colony.	Harbor and River Trusts or Boards.				Metropolitan Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage.			
	Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure (inclusive of Loans).	Loans Outstanding. †	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding (including Government Loans).
						Ordinary.	From Loans.	
Victoria ...	I	£ 117,741	£ 143,278	£ 2,000,000	£ 166,346	£ 195,509 <sup>5</sup>	£ 515,271	£ 4,943,222 <sup>6</sup>
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	49,878	40,916	15,054	482,989 <sup>7</sup>
Total ...	I	117,741	143,278	2,000,000	216,224	236,425	530,325	5,426,211
Tasmania ...	7	21,667	20,854	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand ...	56	345,173	462,423	3,726,989	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	64	484,581	626,555	5,726,989	216,224	236,425	530,325	5,426,211

NOTE.—The figures relate usually to financial years terminating at various dates in 1895, except those for municipalities in New South Wales, which are for the year 1894, and in New Zealand, which are for the year ended 31st March, 1896. There may be other local bodies in the various colonies; but the above are all, with the exceptions next referred to, respecting which particulars are available. Of corporations, not taken into account, there are Fire Boards in Victoria and New South Wales, which derive their income secondhand from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies; some of them have, however, raised independent loans, amounting in Victoria to £100,000. In Victoria, moreover, there are Waterworks, Irrigation, and Water Supply, and Country Tramways Trusts, which usually construct their works by means of moneys advanced from the Government Loan account, and have usually the power of levying rates locally to cover charges for maintenance, interest, and sinking fund; also a Metropolitan Tramways Trust, which borrowed £1,650,000 for the construction of tramways, leased to a public company; but as, although the debt is guaranteed by the municipalities, the company is responsible to the Trust for the payment of interest and principal, the Trust's finances are, from a public point of view, of secondary importance. In Queensland there were in 1895 nine Waterworks Boards whose revenue (exclusive of loans), derived from rates and the sale of water, was £38,776, ordinary expenditure £27,570, and loan expenditure £12,993; they had, moreover, loans outstanding (advanced from Government loans), amounting to £273,681. In Tasmania there were also nine Water Trusts with a revenue of £5,296 (including £1,500 from Government) and an expenditure of £5,688. In New Zealand also there were six Land Drainage Districts, one Water Supply District, and the Christchurch Drainage District, with revenues respectively of £774, £290, and £23,754; and expenditures of £6,738, £5,621, and £19,574.

\* The net revenue and expenditure are given for Victoria; but refunds and transfers are included in the figures of New South Wales. In Victoria the loan expenditure was £60,056.

† Government loans were as follow:—£441,944 in Victoria; the whole amount in Queensland; and £668,893 in New Zealand. The information relating to the municipal loans of South Australia was not available, but at the end of 1895 the amount due to Government was £19,500 for wire netting. As against the loans, there were sinking funds as follow:—Victoria, £445,170; New South Wales, £201,431; Tasmania, £34,090; New Zealand, £200,214.

‡ As against these loans were the following amounts at credit of sinking funds:—Tasmania, £1,830; New Zealand, £288,314.

§ The figures in this line relate to the year 1894, no later information being available.

|| Figures for 1891.

¶ Boroughs and counties, but contained within the counties were 286 Town Districts and Road Districts.

‡ Exclusive of £177,190 other receipts (not revenue) consisting of loans, special grants from Government, and subscriptions for ordinary and special works.

\* Including £93,738 interest paid on account of Government loans.

† Government loans included £2,359,157.

‡ All from Government loans.

TABLE XIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Value of Imports.				Value of Exports.				Value of Exports of Home Production.
	From the United Kingdom.*	From the Australasian Colonies.	From other Countries.	Total.	To the United Kingdom.†	To the Australasian Colonies.	To other Countries.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	4,759,546	5,800,710	1,912,088	12,472,344	8,068,121	4,461,638	2,017,973	14,547,732	11,615,493
New South Wales ...	6,420,107	7,321,668	2,250,640	15,992,415	9,371,418	7,590,985	4,972,382	21,934,785	16,436,210
Queensland ...	2,308,695	2,617,509	422,803	5,349,007	3,418,516	5,464,264	99,820	8,982,600	8,865,538
South Australia Proper ...	1,857,989	2,832,841	894,771	5,585,601	2,362,593	3,125,953	1,688,492	7,177,038	3,537,751
Do., Northern Territory ...	5,711	55,499	34,069	95,279	15,530	138,529	21,645	175,704	174,688
Western Australia ...	943,477	2,702,542	128,932	3,774,951	328,125	932,018	72,411	1,332,554	1,273,638
Total ...	16,295,525	21,330,769	5,643,303	43,269,597	23,564,303	21,713,387	8,872,723	54,150,413	41,903,318
Tasmania ...	315,172	770,060	9,225	1,094,457	202,870	1,168,405	1,788	1,373,063	1,305,160
New Zealand ...	3,992,359	1,261,125	1,146,645	6,400,129	7,045,646	1,035,753	468,825	8,550,224	8,390,153
Grand Total...	20,603,056	23,361,954	6,799,173	50,764,183	30,812,819	23,917,545	9,343,336	64,073,700	51,598,631

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Imports from—			Proportion of Total Exports to—			Value per Head of—‡		Exports of Home Produce.	
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head.*	Percentage of Total Exports.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria ...	38·16	46·52	15·32	55·46	30·67	13·87	10 11 5	12 6 7	9 16 10	79·84
New South Wales ...	40·15	45·78	14·07	42·72	34·61	22·67	12 12 11	17 6 11	12 19 11	74·93
Queensland ...	43·16	48·93	7·91	38·06	60·83	1·11	11 16 3	19 16 9	19 11 7	98·70
South Australia Proper ...	33·26	50·72	16·02	32·92	43·55	23·53	16 0 6	20 11 10	10 3 0	49·29
Do., Northern Territory ...	5·99	58·25	35·76	8·84	78·84	12·32	20 4 4	37 5 7	37 1 4	99·42
Western Australia ...	24·99	71·59	3·42	24·62	69·94	5·44	41 14 2	14 14 5	14 1 5	95·58
Total ...	37·66	49·30	13·04	43·51	40·10	16·39	12 19 0	16 4 2	12 10 10	77·38
Tasmania ...	28·80	70·36	·84	14·78	85·09	·13	6 17 6	8 12 7	8 4 0	95·05
New Zealand ...	62·38	19·70	17·92	82·40	12·12	5·48	9 4 10	12 7 0	12 2 4	98·13
Grand Total...	40·58	46·02	13·40	48·09	37·33	14·58	12 2 2	15 5 8	12 6 2	80·53

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. See Report to *Australasian Statistics*, 1884.

\* It is believed that the real origin of a considerable proportion of these imports is not the United Kingdom but the continent of Europe; and in like manner the ultimate destination of a large proportion of the exports to the United Kingdom is probably the same.

† See preceding note.

‡ In calculating these results, the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE XIV.—IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1895.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Books, &c.—									
Books, Printed, and Periodicals	163,940	123,321	44,413	49,847	62	12,933	28,115	101,958	826,323
Stationery ...	41,507	93,795	30,480	34,184	437	23,736	77,595	77,595	685,198
Paper of all kinds ...	216,955	222,826	54,411	49,640	131	15,641	15,055	110,539	1,550,346
Machines, Tools, and Implements†	193,691	439,591	261,043	112,134	4,496	255,249	54,610	229,532	
Carriages, &c.—									
Bicycles and Tricycles ...	44,005	35,022	...	...	...	17,480	...	20,366	116,873
Building Materials—									
Cement ...	26,239	66,152	23,324	3,821	186	6,058	...	23,859	149,639
Chemicals—									
Drugs and Chemicals§	200,645	280,479	104,420	81,529	1,238	37,481	19,181	210,891	935,864
Manures (including Guano and Bone-dust) ...	4,625	2,381	4,889	643	14	3,491	14,626	64,381	95,050
Opium ...	13,529	31,909	53,375	501	10,180	1,714	626	5,356	117,190
Textile Fabrics, Dress, &c.—									
Wool and Worsted Manufactures	532,331	111,204	182,058	129,933	1,239	*	*	206,958	
Silk Manufactures ...	214,452	91,243	18,860	...	*	*	*	59,189	
Cotton and Linen Manufactures	954,694	*	361,698	249,945	2,127	*	*	422,395	
Drapery ...	250,780	1,884,569	255,969	215,661	1,751	236,273	259,789	331,295	
Haberdashery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90,980	9,738,555
Dress—									
Gloves ...	82,896	81,062	17,987	*	*	*	*	*	
Hats, Caps, and Bonnets ...	57,464	172,056	59,464	41,994	*	17,546	*	54,193	
Hosiery ...	109,973	+	42,471	56,085	*	*	*	62,237	
Apparel and Slops ...	243,509	832,043	153,444	144,602	2,512	125,445	*	316,179	
Boots and Shoes ...	35,473	297,763	68,260	66,226	1,889	56,148	34,892	122,462	683,113
Manufactures of Fibrous Materials									
Bags and Sacks (including Woolpacks) ...	112,391	148,913	66,120	118,186	112	8,291	31,633	99,341	584,987
Food, Animal—									
Fish ...	68,988	71,125	23,196	23,432	754	15,291	232	27,672	230,690
Butter ...	1,306	92,846	45,679	6,469	689	73,999	11,142	1,234	233,364
Food, Vegetable—									
Flour and Biscuit ...	16,082	145,769	254,839	2,818	3,763	67,753	4,393	11,061	506,478
Grain—Wheat ...	46,228	58,357	59,617	4,239	75	17,812	5,969	18,041	210,338
" Oats ...	3,291	73,987	10,645	3,970	419	116,207	98	52	208,669
" Rice ...	41,094	64,254	35,643	8,139	6,317	6,421	4,889	29,030	195,787
Fruit (including Currants and Raisins) ...	85,529	244,356	106,505	57,231	664	32,878	12,398	125,250	664,811
Jams, Jellies, and Preserves ...	1,650	18,408	8,397	7,557	768	27,637	273	5,420	70,110
Malt ...	57	86,871	48,837	11,754	51	9,834	42	563	158,009
Potatoes ...	206	114,989	33,789	2,048	346	10,219	31	203	161,831
Sugar and Molasses ...	647,982	488,002	1,484	271,087	2,279	56,616	92,960	389,609	1,950,019
Drinks and Stimulants—									
Beer, Cider, and Perry ...	71,415	234,169	70,243	29,692	1,856	62,937	5,336	42,826	518,474
Spirits ...	186,571	324,315	145,933	60,018	3,599	80,494	15,784	163,965	980,679
Wine ...	31,669	48,400	27,188	7,967	825	36,604	4,759	41,109	198,521
Hops ...	14,479	33,641	14,974	11,233	37	4,706	665	2,597	82,332
Tobacco, Cigars, and Snuff ...	195,888	192,759	90,417	53,192	3,306	53,546	25,098	123,843	738,049
Tea ...	311,312	361,699	126,384	82,834	1,663	36,440	35,017	173,343	1,128,692
Coffee (raw and prepared) ...	48,293	34,308	8,983	15,687	207	3,895	2,478	20,736	134,587
Cocoa and Chocolate ...	28,034	38,192	13,114	13,715	108	6,291	4,134	19,025	122,613
Milk—Condensed and Preserved	10,899	59,454	18,318	11,626	458	37,167	...	11,419	149,341
Salt ...	15,978	59,479	36,500	1,738	271	2,061	3,581	26,654	146,262
Animal Substances—									
Wool ...	2,367,915	968,348	4,424	378,170	...	...	151	415	3,719,423
Leather ...	82,128	75,681	31,071	18,662	529	6,489	738	65,000	280,298
Tallow ...	65,509	300,783	6	14,998	39	980	174	105	382,594
Soap ...	13,837	34,191	6,026	3,673	287	8,564	2,235	10,889	79,702
Candles ...	7,938	43,449	19,763	11,785	678	10,349	2,623	38,360	134,945
Vegetable Substances—									
Timber ...	174,146	289,183	19,455	237,261	627	45,586	10,424	42,057	818,739
Hay and Chaff ...	4,238	186,546	21,019	234	646	51,819	...	92	264,594
Oils—									
Kerosene ...	69,865	79,225	56,506	35,055	844	16,546	7,045	76,682	341,768
Stone, Clay, Earthenware—									
Earthenware and Chinaware ...	50,477	57,499	28,243	21,685	122	13,644	7,228	44,712	223,610
Minerals and Metals—									
Gold—Bullion ...	1,419,053	2,010,239	6,675	44,109	...	...	...	...	3,480,076
" Specie ...	2,500	55,845	600,200	92,000	14,000	908,000	97,000	270,126	2,039,671
Coal and Coke ...	206,001	27,206	18,315	241,465	314	29,581	11,723	98,354	632,959
Iron and Steel¶	393,909	577,867	335,528	229,860	1,282	129,756	38,844	357,838	2,064,884
Railway and Tramway Material (for use of Government) ...	5,882	63,300	27,996	8,067	7	180,734	11,693	47,135	344,814
Silver Bullion, Ore, Silver Lead, &c. ...	42	14,666	20,702	1,315,820	...	...	13	189	1,351,432
Live Stock—									
Horses ...	73,669	83,937	6,291	8,222	1,066	43,378	1,049	32,265	249,877
Cattle ...	100,582	278,436	3,190	51,202	740	44,659	4,882	320	484,011
Sheep ...	184,664	156,909	31,611	46,725	620	26,400	7,438	1,217	455,584
Pigs ...	1,060	4,736	311	141	...	25,240	38	117	31,643

[See following page for notes.]





TABLE XV.—EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1895—continued.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Vegetable Substances—									
Bark ... ..	23,059	13,856	7	48,781	...	...	33,753	643	120,099
Timber ... ..	28,904	61,803	2,570	38,044	...	119,009†	31,372	147,521	429,223
Minerals and Metals—									
Coal and Coke ... ..	532	860,413	2,292	66,678	...	18,535	141	90,986	1,039,577
Gold—Bullion ... ..	122,501	434,997	2,272,109	67,977	102,732	879,748	218,108	1,162,181	5,260,353
„ Specie ... ..	3,628,236	2,710,560	11,858	47,805	260	4,500	11,790	31,405	6,446,414
Silver Ore and Bullion, Silver									
Lead, &c. ... ..	4,898	1,665,195	48,379	1,258,356	...	...	227,916	10,679	3,215,423
Copper ... ..	567	155,693	31,660	226,747	410	12,952	1,309	89	429,427
Tin Ore or Ingot ... ..	599	196,673	74,214	2,163	1,815	9,703	167,754	135	478,934
Tin Block, Plate, and Tinware ...	7,707	18,171							
Live Stock—									
Horses ... ..	191,041	97,460	8,916	21,040	3,149	...	2,287	19,927	343,820
Cattle ... ..	35,182	131,969	3,793	37,708	39,190	...	...	1,320	249,162
Sheep ... ..	65,154	299,154	202	44,855	187	...	15,130	15,641	440,323
Pigs ... ..	2,261	790	2,840	1,506	...	...	...	171	7,568
All other articles ... ..	1,688,978	1,565,937	462,497	1,707,975	6,347	33,781	98,651	704,414	6,268,580
Total Exports ... ..	14,547,732	21,934,785	8,982,600	7,177,038	175,704	1,332,554	1,373,063	8,550,224	64,073,700

\* Included under the head of drapery.

† Including pearls, valued at £20,000.

‡ Including sandalwood, £30,863.

NOTE.—The following are particulars of other chief Exports of interest to individual colonies:—

Victoria.		£	South Australia.		£
Oil of all kinds .. ..	.. ..	39,060	Eggs .. ..	.. ..	27,275
Onions .. ..	.. ..	26,113	Bran .. ..	.. ..	25,618
Soap .. ..	.. ..	14,119	Salt .. ..	.. ..	20,761
			Camels .. ..	.. ..	19,600
New South Wales.		£	Western Australia.		£
Copra .. ..	.. ..	60,381	Ship's Stores .. ..	.. ..	24,250
Bones .. ..	.. ..	16,993			
Fish—Fresh and Frozen .. ..	.. ..	15,095	Tasmania.		£
„ Dried and Preserved .. ..	.. ..	13,039	Oils .. ..	.. ..	9,651
„ Oysters .. ..	.. ..	4,017			
Queensland.		£	New Zealand.		£
Fish—Shell (Oysters) .. ..	.. ..	13,544	Kauri Gum .. ..	.. ..	418,766
Bêche-de-mer .. ..	.. ..	6,740	Grass and Clover Seeds .. ..	.. ..	64,454
			Phormium .. ..	.. ..	21,202
			Copra .. ..	.. ..	9,935
			Fish .. ..	.. ..	9,413
			Fungus .. ..	.. ..	7,035

TABLE XVI.—SHIPPING, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ... ..	1,948	2,181,539	1,889	2,167,147	3,837	4,348,686
New South Wales ... ..	3,121	2,929,758	3,090	2,930,280	6,211	5,860,038
Queensland ... ..	584	469,710	634	502,195	1,218	971,905
South Australia Proper ...	1,106	1,483,448	1,110	1,496,203	2,216	2,979,651
Do., Northern Territory	73	85,575	68	85,515	141	171,090
Western Australia ... ..	485	814,368	433	764,185	918	1,578,553
Total ... ..	7,317	7,964,398	7,224	7,945,525	14,541	15,909,923
Tasmania ... ..	711	463,980	742	473,546	1,453	937,526
New Zealand ... ..	611	672,951	597	648,946	1,208	1,321,897
Grand Total ... ..	8,639	9,101,329	8,563	9,068,017	17,202	18,169,346

TABLE XVII.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1894-5.

Name of Colony.	Gauge.	Miles Open —			In Course of Construction.	Capital Cost of Lines Open for Traffic at end of year.*		Revenue Account.†						
		At End of Year.		Average.		Amount.	Average per Mile Open.	Gross Receipts.‡		Working Expenses.			Net Receipts.	
		Total.	Per 1,000 Inhabitants.					Amount.	Average per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.§
	ft. in.					£	£	£	d.	£		d.	£	
Victoria ... ..	5 3	3,104	2·63	3,066	2½	37,909,626	12,213	2,581,591	64·76	1,543,393	59·78	38·72	1,038,198	2·75
New South Wales ... ..	4 8½	2,531	2·00	2,516	147½	36,611,366	14,465	2,878,204	90·96	1,642,589 1	57·07	51·91	1,235,615	3·41
Queensland ... ..	3 6	2,379	5·25	2,379	...	16,603,427	6,979	1,048,634	54·95	608,709	58·05	31·90	439,925	2·66
South Australia Proper ...	5 3	493	4·94	1,693	...	12,520,378	7,270	960,155	67·90	568,973	59·26	40·23	391,182	3·17
„ „ Northern Territory	3 6	1,229		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Western Australia    ...	3 6	146	30·98	146	...	1,145,567	7,846	14,722	115·10	11,477	77·96	89·73	3,245	·28
„ „ „	3 6	573	6·33	550	335	2,092,372	3,651	296,000	71·22	182,046	61·50	43·80	113,954	6·99
Total ... ..	...	10,455	3·13	10,350	485	106,882,736	10,223	7,779,306	71·36	4,557,187	58·58	41·80	3,222,119	3·05
Tasmania ... ..	3 6	420	2·64	420	...	3,521,956	8,385	149,642	49·36	120,351	80·43	39·70	29,291	·83
New Zealand ... ..	3 6	2,014	2·91	2,004	114	15,425,532	7,659	1,183,041	85·85	751,368	63·51	54·53	431,673	2·81
Grand Total ... ..	...	12,889	3·07	12,774	599	125,830,224	9,762	9,111,989	72·42	5,428,906	59·58	43·15	3,683,083	2·96

Name of Colony.	Real Interest, &c., per cent. payable on Debenture Capital.¶	Traffic.†					
		Train Mileage.		Passenger Journeys.		Goods and Live Stock.	
		Total.	Per Head.	Number.**	Average per Mile Open.	Tons Carried.	Average Tonnage per Mile Open.
Victoria ... ..	4·06	9,567,453	8·11	40,210,733	13,115	2,435,857 2	794
New South Wales ... ..	4·09	7,594,281	6·07	19,725,418	7,840	4,075,093	1,620
Queensland ... ..	4·31	4,580,341	10·29	3,367,653	1,416	960,787 3	404
South Australia Proper ...	4·31	3,393,916	9·76	5,224,854	3,080	1,000,408	591
„ „ Northern Territory	4·31	30,697	6·56	2,950	20	2,053	14
Western Australia ... ..	4·25	997,540	12·15	1,022,248	1,859	255,839	465
Total ... ..	4·16	26,164,228	7·90	69,553,856	6,723	8,730,037	843
Tasmania ... ..	4·21	727,577	4·62	526,814	1,254	204,480	487
New Zealand ... ..	4·27	3,307,226 4	4·82	6,321,828	3,155	2,175,943	1,086
Grand Total ... ..	4·18	30,199,031	7·27	76,402,498	5,981	11,110,460	870

NOTE.—The figures for Tasmania relate to the calendar year 1895, and those for New Zealand to the year ended 31st March, 1896. In other cases the figures relate to the year ended 30th June, 1895.

\* The amounts included in these columns generally represent the actual expenditure on construction, irrespective of the cost of floating loans, and without regard to the deficiencies below or premiums received above the nominal amount of loans for railway purposes as contracted by the different colonies, except South Australia, which includes on this account £429,657, also interest paid during construction, £56,035. If the cost of floating, discounts, &c., were so included, the capital cost would be increased in the colonies named by the following amounts:—Victoria, £548,666; New South Wales, about £1,500,000; Queensland, about £400,000. The capital cost includes contributions from the general revenue as follow:—In Victoria, £3,147,940; New South Wales, £2,150,000; South Australia, £476,222; Western Australia, £62,048. In regard to the relative cost of constructing the lines in the different colonies, it should be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of double lines exists in Victoria than in any other colony. The capital given for Western Australia is the amount expended on the average extent worked during the year.

† Including the traffic of 17 miles in Victoria and 7½ miles in Tasmania worked by Government for a shire council and a private company respectively.

‡ Including £20,000 credited by the Government for free passes in New South Wales; £31,581 credited for non-paying traffic in Queensland; and £36,152 credited, for the first time in New Zealand, for services performed by other Government Departments, as against which is a debit of £17,724 included in the expenditure. In South Australia over £385,039 of the amount shown was derived from the line to Broken Hill, N.S.W.

§ The calculations in this column are based on the average capital cost, as follow:—Victoria, £37,784,965; New South Wales, £36,233,318; Queensland, £16,511,260; South Australia, £12,337,397; Northern Territory, £1,145,772; Western Australia, £1,630,797; Tasmania, £3,520,275; New Zealand, £15,389,072.

|| Exclusive of Cossack to Roebourne Tramway, 8½ miles long, constructed at a cost of £20,446; its gross earnings in 1894–5 were £2,251, and working expenses £1,895, resulting in a net profit (without allowing for interest on capital) of £356. In 1895–6 the net receipts were £225.

¶ Including expenses of paying interest; and allowing for all charges connected with flotation, and for redemption at par on maturity. The rates are carefully computed from the most reliable data procurable. The difference between these rates and those shown in the preceding column indicates, as nearly as possible, the rates of ultimate profit or loss for the year on the capital invested, allowing the same rate of interest on the direct contributions by the State as on the Loan Capital invested.

\*\* The number of passenger journeys have been carefully computed for all the colonies (except Western Australia) on the following uniform basis:—There has been allowed 720 journeys for each yearly, 360 for each half-yearly, 180 for each quarterly, 60 for each monthly, 2 for each return, and 1 for each single ticket issued to adults and youths; and one-half of those numbers respectively for tickets issued to boys and girls. No allowance has been made for free passes issued; whilst the figures for South Australia are also exclusive of journeys on yearly and half-yearly contract tickets available for all lines. The numbers given differ in many cases from those returned by the various colonies, which are not compiled in a uniform manner. In comparing the railway traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway traffic, as well as the steam-boat traffic in the latter colony, must also be taken into account; and it must also be borne in mind that in New South Wales the trams, being under State control, run only to districts and places not served by railways, and do not, therefore, enter into competition with the latter; whereas in Victoria the metropolitan trams, belonging as they do to a private company, enter into competition with the State railways in nearly all directions.

<sup>1</sup> Including annual instalment of £75,000 towards the redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way.

<sup>2</sup> Each consignment of goods is reckoned as a unit.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of live stock.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of 939,384 miles ballasting and shunting. It is probable, however, that this item is also excluded in the other colonies.

*Private Railways.*—In addition to Government lines, there were also private lines, as follow, in the colonies named:—New South Wales, 84½ miles, besides about 200 miles of coal lines; South Australia, 16; Western Australia, 572; Tasmania, 55; New Zealand, 176 miles.

*Tramways.*—These are not included in the foregoing table. On the 30th June, 1896, there were 47½ miles of street tramways (chiefly cable) in the metropolis of Victoria, constructed by a municipal trust at a cost of £1,705,794, but leased to a company, which works the lines, the traffic receipts from which in 1895–6 amounted to £346,582, and the passengers carried numbered 32,874,716; in New South Wales, in 1895–6, 61 miles of street tramways, all worked by steam power, except 4½ miles of cable and 2 miles of electric tramways, constructed by the Government at a cost of £1,434,896, the gross receipts for the year being £289,181, the working expenses £236,183, and the estimated number of passenger journeys (allowing 2½d. for each) 25,238,000; in the metropolis of Queensland, 8½ miles, the gross receipts of which in 1894–5 were £27,014; and in Western Australia 8½ miles of Government lines. There are other lines in the colonies named, but of less importance.

## ADDENDUM.

### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1895–6.

Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost at end of Year.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost
	Miles.	£	£	£	£	
Victoria .. .. .	3,106	38,102,856	2,401,392*	1,546,475*	854,917*	2·25
New South Wales .. .. .	2,531	36,852,194	2,820,417	1,551,888	1,268,529	3·45
Queensland .. .. .	2,380	16,759,406	1,085,494	644,362	441,132	2·65
South Australia, Proper .. .. .	1,722	12,583,443	986,500	583,022	403,478	3·21
„ „ Northern Territory .. .. .	146	1,153,116	15,289	15,289	..	..
Western Australia .. .. .	588	2,316,824	529,616	263,705	265,911	12·06

\* Including amounts for Dookie and Katamatite Tramway (17 miles).

TABLE XVIII.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number passing through the Post Office (counted once).				Revenue.†			Expenditure (Post and Telegraph).‡
		Letters and Post Cards.		Newspapers.*		Postage and Money Order.	Telegraphs and Telephones.	Total.	
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.				
Victoria ...	1,573	62,526,448 <sup>1</sup>	55·90 <sup>1</sup>	22,729,005 <sup>1</sup>	20·32 <sup>1</sup>	£ 356,280 <sup>2</sup>	£ 132,162	£ 488,442	£ 535,770 <sup>2</sup>
New South Wales ...	1,470 <sup>3</sup>	69,373,690	54·86	44,902,900	35·51	473,793	175,058	648,851	773,266 <sup>4</sup>
Queensland ...	1,033	18,278,870	40·36	11,885,858	26·25	158,682	76,011	234,693	295,065
South Australia ...	665	17,073,913	48·99	8,723,501	25·03	122,305	105,707	228,012	192,791
Western Australia ...	230	17,867,952	197·41	17,996,387	198·83	46,908	65,526	112,434	108,578
Total ...	4,971	185,120,873	55·48	106,237,651	31·84	1,157,968	554,464	1,712,432	1,905,470
Tasmania ...	327	5,894,708	37·04	4,506,191	28·32	40,481	15,322	55,803	61,972
New Zealand § ...	1,404	30,788,582	44·47	12,675,973	18·31	242,615	123,112	365,727	332,325 <sup>5</sup>
Grand Total ...	6,702	221,804,163	52·96	123,419,815	29·47	1,441,064	692,898	2,133,962	2,299,767

NOTE.—The numbers given for letters and newspapers represent those posted in the colony (counted once), added to those received from abroad. Owing to the difficulties of distinguishing telegraphic from postal expenditure, they are shown in a combined form.

\* Newspapers posted in New South Wales and Western Australia travel free to places within the colony itself. In the other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers to all places.

† Including commission on money orders, as follow :—Victoria, £17,265; New South Wales, £21,295; Queensland, about £5,100; South Australia, £4,714; Western Australia, about £2,000; Tasmania, £2,091; New Zealand, £14,695. Revenue collected on official correspondence is also included in the following cases :—New South Wales, £29,799 for letters, and £23,042 for telegrams; Queensland, about £27,000 for letters; South Australia, £5,438 and £2,432 respectively; Western Australia, £4,252 (1894-5) and £7,824 respectively. The estimated amounts not so included in other cases are as follow :—Victoria, about £60,000 and £6,054; Queensland, £8,719 for telegrams; Tasmania, not stated; New Zealand, £65,348 and £25,844 respectively.

‡ Exclusive of interest on Savings Banks Deposits.

§ The figures of revenue and expenditure for New Zealand relate to the year ended 31st March, 1896.

¶ Figures for 1890, those for a later year not having been compiled.

§ The revenue is made up of Postal revenue (roughly estimated), £319,150; Parcels Post, £10,850; private boxes, &c., £9,015; and commission on money orders, £17,265. The expenditure includes cost of printing books, forms, and stamps by the Government Printer; but is exclusive of expenditure on buildings and on construction of telegraph lines, which, moreover, is, it is believed, not taken into account in the case of other colonies.

\* There are also 502 receiving offices.

\* Information derived from the Report of the Postmaster-General for 1895. The amount is inclusive of expenditure on account of the Post Office by other Government Departments, except that on buildings and furniture; but exclusive of interest on cost of construction of telegraphs, £33,615, and on cost of postal buildings owned by Government, £31,366, which items would swell the deficit to £189,395. The expenditure is made up of £417,255 on account of Salaries; £210,354, Conveyance of Mails; £20,436, Cable Subsidies; £5,671, allowance to Railway Department for transacting postal and telegraph business at railway stations; £25,485 by other Government Departments; and £84,065, other expenses.

\* Including, for the first time, an allowance to the Railway Department for the carriage of mails by rail amounting to about £11,600.

TABLE XIX.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Telegraphs.					Telephones and Private Wires.				
	Number of Miles open at end of the Year.†		Telegrams Transmitted.			Amount Received.‡	Number of Public Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Subscribers—Exchange and Other.	Amount Received.
	Line.	Wire.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Total.					
						£				£
Victoria ...	7,091	14,409	1,966,518	67,112	2,033,630	95,896	13	9,887 <sup>1</sup>	2,609	36,266
New South Wales ...	14,847	28,799	2,269,505	...	2,269,505 <sup>2</sup>	149,102	18 <sup>3</sup>	*	3,812	25,956
Queensland ...	9,979	17,790	966,108	89,507	1,055,615	71,034	18	833	776	4,977
South Australia ...	5,620	11,012	*	*	965,943 <sup>4</sup>	91,952	8	2,460	902	13,755
Western Australia...	4,577	5,670	657,760	63,232	720,992	61,673	2	462 <sup>5</sup>	494	3,853
Total ...	42,114	77,680	5,859,891*	219,851*	7,045,685	469,657	59	13,642*	8,593	84,807
Tasmania ...	2,210	3,848	152,341	37,396	189,737	12,273	3	521	627	3,049
New Zealand § ...	6,245	15,764	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211 <sup>6</sup>	97,179	26	4,947	5,143	25,933
Grand Total ...	50,569	97,292	7,911,864*	481,826*	9,359,633	579,109	88	19,110*	14,363	113,789

NOTE.—The extent open embraces, besides cables worked by companies, not only lines under the control of the Postal Department, but also those managed by the Railway authorities, which are often largely availed of by the public. The telegrams refer to those transmitted only, those received from places outside each colony being excluded. It is questionable, however, whether it would not be better to uniformly include those received from abroad in all the colonies. The cost of construction of telegraphs was as follows for the colonies named :—£866,732 (including telephones) in New South Wales on the 30th June, 1896; £845,885 in Queensland in 1894; £734,560 (including telephones) in New Zealand at the end of March, 1895.

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished or is incomplete.

† Including miles of Railway Telegraphs, as follow :—Victoria—line 3,149, wire 5,048; New South Wales—line 2,531 (the wires belong to Postal Department); Queensland—length not stated; South Australia—line 171, wire 2,365; Western Australia—length not stated; Tasmania—line 386, wire 639. Telephone line and wire are excluded. Cables are included, as follow :—Tasmania, 422 miles, worked by a public company; New Zealand, 226 miles.

‡ See note (†) to last preceding table.

§ Figures in this case are for the year ended 31st March, 1896.

¶ Including 934 miles, used solely for railway purposes.—<sup>2</sup> Including messages in transitu, 113,350.—<sup>3</sup> In addition there were fourteen bureaux for the use of the public.—<sup>4</sup> Excluding 103,308 international telegrams transmitted on behalf of other colonies.—<sup>5</sup> Exclusive of wire used for railway purposes, viz., 794 miles at end of June, 1895, and 1,100 at end of June, 1896.—<sup>6</sup> Exclusive of Cable.



TABLE XX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Area of Colony in Acres.†	During the Year 1895.					
		Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments.‡	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
		Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
		acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria .. ...	56,245,760	4,208	18,784	4 9 3	80,310	12,102	96,620
New South Wales ...	197,872,000	22,572	64,201	2 16 11	316,007	7,640	346,219
Queensland ...	427,663,360	29,281	20,783	0 14 2	231,564	324	261,169
South Australia, Proper ...	243,075,200	1,637	2,486	1 10 4	...	30	1,667
Do. Northern Territory	335,116,800	34	212	6 4 8	...	...	34
Western Australia ...	624,588,800	37,480	89,408	2 7 9	73,418	190,906	301,804
Total ...	1,884,561,920	95,212	195,874	2 1 2	701,299	211,002	1,007,513
Tasmania ...	16,880,000	269	5,193	19 6 1	14,316	558	15,143
New Zealand ...	66,861,464	26,584	19,205	0 14 5	456	143,107	170,147
Grand Total ...	1,968,303,384	122,065	220,272	1 16 1	716,071	354,667	1,192,803

Name of Colony.	Up to the End of 1895.—Extent—			At the End of 1895.—Extent—	
	Alienated in Fee simple.§		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments.	Alienated or in Process of Alienation. ¶	Neither Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.			
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	17,552,171 <sup>4</sup>	66,5361	5,453,036	23,071,743	33,174,017
New South Wales ...	24,165,635	401,310	20,328,637	44,895,582	152,976,418
Queensland ...	12,384,748	69,092	1,757,755	14,211,595	413,451,765
South Australia, Proper ...	7,152,418	748,453	5,941,642 <sup>2</sup>	13,842,513	229,232,687
Do. Northern Territory	477,253	48	331	477,632	334,639,168
Western Australia ...	6,152,332	*	525,019	8,131,739	616,457,061
Total ...	67,884,557	*	34,006,420	104,630,804	1,779,931,116
Tasmania ...	*	*	*	4,711,074	12,168,926
New Zealand ...	14,160,263	7,204,919 <sup>3</sup>	331,928	21,697,110	45,164,354 <sup>4</sup>
Grand Total ...	*	*	*	131,038,988	1,837,264,396

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished, or cannot be completed.

† These areas do not exactly agree with those officially furnished in some cases. See footnote (\*) to Table I., ante.

‡ The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (generally without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see *Victorian Year-Book 1894*, under the head of "Production."

§ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed. In New South Wales, the extent sold includes areas granted prior to 1862.

|| Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c., except in the case of Western Australia.

¶ Including all lands held under right of purchase in Victoria and South Australia; also, 1,454,388 acres in Western Australia under Poisson clause of Regulations of 1882 and 1887.

<sup>1</sup> Including free grants and sales on Irrigation Settlement at Mildura, the former amounting to 50,000, and the latter to 12,221 acres.

<sup>2</sup> Including land held under leases with right of purchase on certain conditions, viz., over 5,941,642 acres in South Australia.

<sup>3</sup> These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown Grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors, or to Europeans or Maoris who have purchased from them, under certain Native Land Acts.

<sup>4</sup> Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them; and 751,152 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease" with right of purchase; 297,593 acres under Occupation with Right of Purchase; 588,286 acres on Lease in Perpetuity; and 296,523 acres in Special Settlement Associations, &c.

TABLE XXI.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1895.

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1895.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1895.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Victoria ...	1,922	1,751	2,732	4,483	119,653	112,399	232,052
New South Wales ...	2,563	2,340	2,137	4,477	128,847	117,057	245,904
Queensland ...	738	730	805	1,535	43,428	39,409	82,837
South Australia ...	634	414	713	1,127	33,722 <sup>1</sup>	30,757 <sup>1</sup>	64,479
Western Australia ...	152 <sup>2</sup>	76	149	225	4,396	4,348	8,744
Total ...	6,009	5,311	6,536	11,847	330,046	303,970	634,016
Tasmania ...	258	215	271	486	10,852	9,055	19,907
New Zealand ...	1,464	1,372	2,014	3,386 <sup>3</sup>	87,481 <sup>1</sup>	80,763 <sup>1</sup>	168,244
Grand Total ...	7,731	6,898	8,821	15,719	428,379	393,788	822,167

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Daily Attendance during the Year.			Estimated Number of Distinct Children Attending during the Year.	Expenditure on State Education.*			Cost of Instruction per Head of—	
	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.		Amounts contributed by—		Total.	Mean Population.	Scholars in Average Attendance.
					State.†	Parents, &c., in Fees.			
Victoria ...	134,572	30	57'99	205,486	£ 489,905	£ 1,478 <sup>4</sup>	£ 491,383	£ s. d. 0 8 4	£ s. d. 3 13 0
New South Wales ...	139,979	31	56'92	216,396	628,507	73,320	701,827	0 11 1	5 0 3
Queensland ...	48,270	31	58'27	74,542	172,934	...	172,934	0 7 8	3 11 8
South Australia ...	39,324	35	60'99	59,003	127,551	1,116	128,667	0 7 5	3 5 5
Western Australia ...	6,393	28	73'11	8,744	26,575	2,316 <sup>5</sup>	28,891	0 6 5	5 13 10 <sup>6</sup>
Total ...	368,538	31	58'13	564,171	1,445,472	78,230	1,523,702	0 9 2	4 2 8
Tasmania ...	10,642	22	53'46	14,594	32,972	9,428	42,400	0 5 4	3 19 8
New Zealand ...	106,622	31	63'37	144,000	419,439	3,226 <sup>7</sup>	422,665	0 12 2	3 19 3
Grand Total ...	485,802	31	59'09	722,765	1,897,883	90,884	1,988,767	0 9 6	4 1 11

NOTE.—The State system of education is compulsory and undenominational (or secular) in all the colonies, and Western Australia is now the only colony which grants assistance to denominational schools. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—In Victoria it is from 6 to 13 years; in New South Wales and Western Australia, from 6 to 14; in Queensland, from 6 to 12; in South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, from 7 to 13. For further particulars relating to the educational systems of the various colonies, see *Victorian Year-Book 1894*, Part X.

\* The figures under this head represent the cost of State (Primary) Education, including expenditure on Head Office, staff, and inspection, but exclusive only of expenditure on buildings (either for repairs or erection) and rent. In the case of New Zealand, however, rent is included, as the amount could not be separated.

† Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., about £8,000 in South Australia, and £39,829 in New Zealand.

<sup>1</sup> These figures have been estimated in the office of the Government Statist, Melbourne.

<sup>2</sup> Including 19 assisted schools.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 190 sewing mistresses.

<sup>4</sup> For extra subjects.

<sup>5</sup> Exclusive of amounts received by assisted schools, which were not returned.

<sup>6</sup> In Government schools only. The average amount also paid by the State to assisted schools was £1 6s.

<sup>7</sup> In the figures for New Zealand, amounts received by Boards from local sources and sums raised locally by School Committees are also included.

TABLE XXII.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1895-6.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

\* \* The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March in each year. The present returns are for those months of 1896, except in the case of South Australia, where agricultural statistics were not collected for 1895-6, and the figures used are those for the year 1893-4. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1895, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—									
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.*	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage.†	Other Tillage.‡
Victoria ...	2,884,514	2'44	1,412,736	255,503	78,438	7,186	33,713	43,895	464,482	30,365	206,190	352,006
New South Wales	1,649,462	1'29	596,684	23,750	7,590	211,104	2,275	24,722	319,296	7,519	367,695	88,827
Queensland ...	299,278	'65	27,090	922	721	100,481	918 <sup>1</sup>	9,240	28,609	2,021	19,552	109,724
South Australia§	2,602,543	7'38	1,410,955	13,619	13,072	...	4,451	6,510	361,145	17,418	26,904	748,469
Western Australia	153,112	1'51	23,241	1,880	1,932	23	327	668	63,804	2,217	430	58,590
Total ...	7,588,909	2'25	3,470,706	295,674	101,753	318,794	41,684	85,035	1,237,336	59,540	620,771	1,357,616
Tasmania ...	458,914	2'85	64,652	32,699	6,178	...	13,649	19,247	54,748	30	214,586	53,125
New Zealand ...	1,547,568	2'21	245,441	364,788	35,358	13,834	15,429	31,997	257,301 <sup>2</sup>	...	467,252 <sup>3</sup>	116,168
Grand Total...	9,595,391	2'26	3,780,799	693,161	143,289	332,628	70,762	136,279	1,549,385	59,570	1,302,609	1,526,909

NOTE.—Land in fallow is included in the total area under tillage in all the colonies, except New South Wales; but land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand. See also Notes 1, 4, and 4.

\* Including beans and peas, except in case of Queensland; also rice and rye in Queensland.

† In addition to crops sown for the purpose of being cut green for cattle, this column contains the following areas laid down in permanent artificial grass in the colonies named:—

Permanent Artificial Grass.

	Acres.
Victoria .. .. .	180,251
New South Wales .. .. .	300,862
South Australia (1893-4) .. .. .	26,904
Western Australia .. .. .	Only small area
Tasmania .. .. .	221,970

In Queensland, where it is not so included, the area returned is 10,584 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 4.

‡ This column embraces land in fallow as well as land under crop; but is exclusive of 329,206 acres of grazing land in Tasmania, included in the statistics of that colony. The following are the areas in fallow included in the returns of such colonies:—

Land in Fallow.

	Acres.
Victoria .. .. .	291,060
New South Wales .. .. .	Not returned
Queensland .. .. .	13,959
South Australia (1893-4) .. .. .	563,371
Western Australia .. .. .	55,291
Tasmania .. .. .	24,241
New Zealand .. .. .	58,039
Total .. .. .	1,005,970

The following is a statement of the acreage under various crops included in the same column, also of the produce so far as it has been given:—

Miscellaneous Crops.

Victoria—	Acres.	Produce.
Turnips, carrots, parsnips, and beet ..	645	4,669 tons
Mangel-wurzel ..	1,067	10,160 "
Onions ..	3,780	10,759 "
Tobacco ..	2,029	15,223 cwt.
Hops ..	766	3,946 "
Grass seeds ..	2,899	22,239 bushels
Flax ..	2,007	{ Fibre 1,107 cwt. Seed 3,091 bushels
Hemp ..	140	{ Fibre 11 cwt. Seed 217 "
Market gardens ..	9,411	—
Gardens and orchards	35,887	—
Fruit gathered—	Cases.	Cwt
Apples ..	379,638	Tomatoes .. 33,995
Plums ..	119,051	Rhubarb .. 17,643
Apricots ..	117,378	Melons .. 15,026
Peaches ..	82,533	Raspberries .. 9,946
Cherries ..	81,283	Gooseberries .. 3,178
Pears ..	68,872	Strawberries .. 2,953
Quinces ..	36,565	Currants .. 1,619
Oranges ..	13,370	lbs.
Lemons ..	8,222	Almonds .. 22,948
Figs ..	5,987	Walnuts .. 13,897
Loquats ..	1,442	Honey .. 381,683
Nectarines ..	1,427	Beeswax .. 16,873

Miscellaneous Crops—continued.

New South Wales—	Acres.	Produce.
Tobacco .. .. .	1,231	11,142 cwt.
Sugar cane .. .. .	32,927	—
Of which productive ..	14,398	207,771 tons of cane
Oranges .. .. .	11,956	—
Of which productive ..	8,759	496,245 cases
Other fruit orchards ..	28,780	—
Of which productive ..	20,635	—
Market and kitchen gardens	6,899	—
Turnips .. .. .	303	1,088 tons
Pumpkins and melons ..	4,427	12,230 "
Mangel-wurzel .. .. .	38	107 "
Onions .. .. .	183	329 "
All other crops .. .. .	2,083	—

Queensland—	Acres.	Produce.
Sugar cane .. .. .	77,247	—
Of which crushed .. .. .	55,771	86,255 tons (sugar)
Arrowroot .. .. .	194	346,853 lbs.
Coffee .. .. .	60	14,060 "
Oranges .. .. .	1,900	1,995,872 dozen
Bananas .. .. .	3,916	14,860,386 "
Pineapples .. .. .	847	376,875 "
Tobacco .. .. .	1,061	7,511 cwt.
Cotton .. .. .	494	269,110 lbs. (not ginned)

Sweet potatoes .. .. .	2,736	14,233 tons
Gardens and orchards ..	3,189	—

South Australia (1892-3)—	Acres.	Produce.
Almond trees, No. 111,607 ..	—	3,388 cwt.
Orange " " 73,305 ..	—	43,817 cases
Olive " " 48,252 ..	—	2,291 gallons oil
Raisins .. .. .	—	711 cwt.
Gardens and orchards ..	15,771	—
Honey, No. hives 22,142 ..	—	412,886 lbs.

Tasmania—	Acres.	Produce.
Turnips .. .. .	4,255	35,198 tons
Mangel-wurzel .. .. .	1,411	16,090 "
Gardens and orchards ..	11,037	—

New Zealand—	Acres.	Produce.
Mangolds, beet, carrots, parsnips, &c. .. .. .	15,100	—
Hops .. .. .	352	—
Gardens and orchards ..	36,111	—
Other crops .. .. .	5,566	—

§ Figures for 1893-4, except in the case of wheat, which is an estimate of the area under that crop for 1895-6, and exclusive of Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> Rice, 716, and Rye, 202 acres.

<sup>2</sup> Consisting of grass hay 96,818, and oats hay 160,483 acres.

<sup>3</sup> No account taken.

\* In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 9,188,352 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 10,735,920 acres, or to 15'37 acres per head of the population. The green forage entered above consists of 11,542 acres of green oats, 1,515 acres of green wheat, 3,048 acres of rye, 1,827 acres of barley, 445,598 acres of turnips, 1,200 acres of green maize, and 2,522 acres for ensilage.

TABLE XXIII.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1895-6.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.*	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria ...	5,669,174	2,880,045	715,592	351,891	295,724	117,238	390,861	2,226,999
New South Wales ...	5,195,312	374,196	96,119	5,687,030	35,150	56,179	229,671	885,673
Queensland ...	123,630	10,887	7,756	2,391,378	23,414	19,027	50,965	238,208
South Australia† ...	5,929,300	172,605	205,577	...	72,744	22,958	334,769	712,845
Western Australia ...	188,076	19,326	18,691	596	6,540a	2,290	53,757	79,550
Total ...	17,105,492	3,457,059	1,043,735	8,430,895	433,572	217,692	1,060,023	4,143,275
Tasmania ...	1,164,855	906,934	138,833	...	245,611	81,423	62,345	...
New Zealand ...	6,843,768	12,263,540	1,035,762	611,200	446,040	207,011	140,034	...
Grand Total ...	25,114,115	16,627,533	2,218,330	9,042,095	1,125,223	506,126	1,262,402	4,143,275

Name of Colony.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria ...	4'01	11'27	9'12	48'97	8'77	2'67	'84
New South Wales ...	8'71	15'76	12'66	26'94	15'45	2'27	'72
Queensland ...	4'56	11'81	10'76	23'80	25'51	2'06	1'78
South Australia† ...	4'20	12'67	15'73	...	16'34	3'53	'93
Western Australia ...	8'09	10'28	9'67	25'91	20'00	3'43	'84
Total ...	4'93	11'69	10'26	26'45	10'40	2'56	'86
Tasmania ...	18'02	27'74	22'47	...	18'00	4'23	1'14
New Zealand ...	27'88	33'62	29'29	44'18	28'91	6'47	'54
Grand Total ...	6'64	23'99	15'48	27'18	15'90	3'71	'81

\* Including beans and pease, except in the case of Queensland; also rice 19,245, and rye 4,169, in the case of Queensland.

† Figures for 1893-4, except in the case of wheat which is an unofficial estimate by leading newspapers of the produce of that crop for 1895-6, exclusive of Northern Territory.

a Estimated.

TABLE XXIV.—LIVE STOCK, 1895-6.

\* The Live Stock Statistics are collected in most of the colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March.

Name of Colony.	Number of—			
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Victoria *	431,547	1,833,900	13,180,943	337,588
New South Wales ...	487,943	2,150,057	46,508,363	221,597
Queensland ...	468,743	6,822,401	19,856,959	100,747
South Australia Proper *	187,666	423,602	7,267,642	86,418
Do., Northern Territory *	13,818	251,682	57,361	1,735
Western Australia ...	58,506	200,091	2,295,832	27,015
Total ...	1,648,223	11,681,733	89,167,100	775,100
Tasmania ...	31,580	162,801	1,523,846	70,142
New Zealand ...	237,418	1,047,901	19,138,493	239,778
Grand Total ...	1,917,221	12,892,435	109,829,439	1,085,020

Name of Colony.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria *	4'91	37	20'87	155	150	1,118	3'84	29
New South Wales ...	1'58	38	6'95	168	150	3,640	'72	17
Queensland ...	'70	102	10'21	1,481	30	4,312	'15	22
South Australia Proper *	'49	55	1'11	124	19	2,125	'23	25
Do., Northern Territory *	'03	282	'48	5,141	'11	1,172	'00	35
Western Australia ...	'06	58	'21	198	2'35	2,268	'03	26
Total ...	'56	49	3'97	346	30	2,639	'26	23
Tasmania ...	1'20	20	6'17	101	58	947	2'66	44
New Zealand ...	2'27	34	10'03	150	183	2,740	2'30	34
Grand Total ...	'62	45	4'19	304	36	2,608	'35	26

\* The figures for Victoria are for the year 1894-5, and those of South Australia for 1893-4, no statistics having been collected since.



TABLE XXV.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.		Wool Exported.		Wool used in Manufacture in the Colony.		Wool Production, 1895.				Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price per lb.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value at 9d. per lb.	Quantity. <sup>1</sup>		Value.			
							Total.	Average to each Sheep in the Colony. <sup>2</sup>	Total.	Average per Head of Population.		
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.	per cent.	d.
Victoria ..	86,701,421	2,367,915	163,779,290	5,151,153	1,847,533	69,283	78,925,402	5'99	2,852,521	2 8 4	35'41	7½
New South Wales	32,547,101	968,348	329,992,675	9,976,044	920,270	34,510	298,365,844	6'42	9,042,206	7 3 0	45'48	7½
Queensland ..	160,250	4,424	85,438,743	2,991,413	260,000	9,750	85,538,493	4'31	2,996,739	6 12 4	33'32	8½
South Australia Proper	12,750,629	378,170	68,842,576	1,880,514	..	..	56,091,947	7'72	1,502,344	4 6 2	26'20	6½
Do., Northern Territory	..	..	230,913	5,808	..	..	230,913	4'02	5,808	1 4 8	3'31	6
Western Australia	..	..	8,290,805	183,510	..	..	8,290,805	3'61	183,510	2 0 7	13'77	5½
Total ..	132,159,401	3,718,857	656,575,002	20,188,442	3,027,803	113,543	527,443,404	5'92	16,583,128	4 19 3	37'28	7½
Tasmania ..	..	..	7,223,219	202,341	152,590	5,720	7,375,809	4'84	208,061	1 6 2	14'74	6¾
New Zealand ..	15,693	415	116,015,170	3,662,131	3,299,132	123,717	119,298,609	6'02	3,785,433	5 9 4	42'83	7½
Grand Total ..	132,175,094	3,719,272	779,813,391	24,052,914	6,479,525	242,980	654,117,822	5'92	20,576,622	4 18 2	37'54	7½

NOTE.—It is believed that the value of wool imported and exported is furnished to the Customs authorities with a considerable amount of looseness.

<sup>1</sup> These figures are made up of the sum of the total quantities exported from and used for manufactures in, less the quantities imported by, the respective colonies. The wool referred to is, of course, not homogeneous in quality, some being greasy and some washed or scoured. The Government Statistician of New South Wales has estimated that the equivalent weight in greasy wool of the whole clip for that colony was 324,186,000 lbs. — <sup>2</sup> In Victoria the average weight of a greasy fleece is estimated by experts at 5½ lbs. for merino, and 6 lbs. for crossbred and long wool; but the fleece of the former sometimes weighs as much as 9½ lbs., and of the latter 9 lbs.

TABLE XXVI.—CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT EXPORTED, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Beef.		Mutton.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£
Victoria ...	190,400	2,713	17,583,100	190,828
New South Wales	17,040,128	104,605	51,035,488	275,502
Queensland	51,619,713	536,911	3,154,700	41,941
South Australia	..	..	64,506*	959*
Total ..	68,850,241	644,229	71,837,794	509,230
New Zealand	1,354,080	14,582	120,807,680	1,200,196
Grand Total	70,204,321	658,811	192,645,474	1,709,426

NOTE.—There were no exports from Western Australia, or Tasmania.

\* Including pigs and poultry.

TABLE XXVII.—BREADSTUFFS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1895.

Colony.	Wheat, Flour, and Biscuit.*		Excess of—	
	Imported.	Exported.	Imports over Exports.	Exports over Imports.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Victoria ...	500,687	4,880,051	..	4,379,364
New South Wales	1,288,929	99,015	1,189,914	..
Queensland	1,945,954	4,381	1,941,573	..
South Australia	61,062	6,277,644	..	6,216,582
Western Australia	608,180	..	608,180	..
Total	4,404,812	11,261,091	..	6,856,279†
Tasmania ...	79,510	45	79,465	..
New Zealand	166,567	54,892	111,675	..
Grand Total	4,650,889	11,316,028	..	6,665,139†

\* The quantities have been reduced in all cases to their equivalent in bushels of wheat, on the assumption that 41½ lbs. of flour, or 48 lbs. of biscuit, are equivalent to 1 bushel of wheat.

† Net figures.

TABLE XXVIII.—BUTTER AND CHEESE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Butter.				Cheese.			
	Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*		Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*	
			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	41,030	25,660,782	25,619,752	21,713,495	28,538	1,557,659	1,529,121	1,083,459
New South Wales ...	2,199,261	2,147,650	-51,611	2,064,226	265,511	200,721	-64,790	70,977
Queensland ...	1,041,069	40,325	-1,000,744	35,603	195,045	1,245	-193,800	-2,008
South Australia proper ...	189,879	1,932,928	1,743,049	1,026,281	114,942	157,263	42,321	-1,145
Ditto, Northern Territory	11,958	...	-11,958	-420	4,542	...	-4,542	-396
Western Australia ...	1,907,913	3,360	-1,904,553	-979	525,268	...	-525,268	-5,130
Total ...	5,391,110	29,785,045	24,393,935	24,838,206	1,133,846	1,916,888	783,042	1,151,757
Tasmania ...	284,975	304,249	19,274	...	4,080	1,290	-2,790	-646
New Zealand ...	33,488	6,491,968	6,458,480	6,239,744	2,240	8,595,216	8,592,976	8,290,128
Grand Total ...	5,709,573	36,581,262	30,871,689	31,077,950	1,140,166	10,513,394	9,373,228	9,441,239
Value.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	1,306	978,687	977,381	816,139	1,438	30,915	29,477	19,773
New South Wales ...	92,846	62,899	-29,947	59,610	6,352	3,806	-2,546	562
Queensland ...	45,679	1,405	-44,274	1,282	4,738	39	-4,699	-95
South Australia proper ...	6,469	77,500	71,031	48,337	2,636	3,369	733	-154
Ditto, Northern Territory	689	...	-689	-32	153	...	-153	-15
Western Australia ...	73,999	86	-73,913	-30	11,201	...	-11,201	-166
Total ...	220,988	1,120,577	899,589	925,306	26,518	38,129	11,611	19,905
Tasmania ...	11,142	12,518	1,376	...	104	27	-77	-29
New Zealand ...	1,234	227,601	226,367	218,392	75	150,909	150,834	144,516
Grand Total ...	233,364	1,360,696	1,127,332	1,143,698	26,697	189,065	162,368	164,392

\* The minus sign (-) indicates a net import.

TABLE XXIX.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCED IN FACTORIES, 1895.

Name of Colony.	Butter Produced.		Cheese Produced.	
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	30,127,037	25.53	2,649,074	2.24
New South Wales * ...	16,770,189	13.26	1,670,255	1.32
Queensland ...	864,989	1.91	1,336,601	2.95
Total ...	47,762,215	16.48	5,655,930	1.95
Tasmania ...	631,525	3.97	63,985	.40
New Zealand ...	11,336,776	16.37	9,683,520	13.98
Grand Total ...	59,730,516	15.93	15,403,435	4.11

\* Including the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was not so included in Victoria.

NOTE.—Particulars for South and Western Australia are not available. In New Zealand in 1891, the production of butter in factories and on farms was 16,310,012 lbs., of which 1,969,759 lbs. was produced in factories; and that of cheese was 6,975,698 lbs., of which 4,390,400 lbs. was made in factories. In addition to the quantities shown in the table, large quantities were also returned as having been made on farms in the following colonies:—

Name of Colony.	Made on Farms.		Total for Colony.	
	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ..	9,004,314	2,367,252	39,191,351	5,016,326
New South Wales ..	6,525,323 <sup>a</sup>	1,268,530 <sup>a</sup>	23,295,512	2,938,785
Queensland ..	2,854,534	505,198	3,719,523	1,841,799
Western Australia ..	3,360	..	3,360	..

<sup>a</sup> Excluding the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was reckoned as having been made in factories.

TABLE XXX.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

Name of Colony.	Gold raised—					
	Prior to 1895.		During 1895.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value.*
	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£
Victoria ...	59,415,021	237,660,084	740,086	2,960,344	60,155,107	240,620,428
New South Wales ...	11,061,379	41,010,669	360,165	1,315,929	11,421,544	42,326,598
Queensland ...	9,926,924	34,744,234	631,682	2,210,887	10,558,606	36,955,121
South Australia †	463,386	1,744,419	37,054	128,792	500,440	1,873,211
Western Australia ...	566,178	2,151,482	231,513 a	879,748	797,691	3,031,230
Total ...	81,432,888	317,310,888	2,000,500	7,495,700	83,433,388	324,806,588
Tasmania ...	777,841	2,966,997	54,964	212,329	832,805	3,179,326
New Zealand ...	12,756,722	50,188,838	293,491	1,162,164	13,050,213	51,351,002
Grand Total ...	94,967,451	370,466,723	2,348,955	8,870,193	97,316,406	379,336,916

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total gold entered for duty for export from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There being no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, the yield prior to 1889 has been estimated roughly at 100,000 ozs., to which have been added the quantities which have since appeared in the export returns of the colony, which, however, are admittedly very defective. The yield in 1895 was as follows, so far as available:—Victoria 805,087 ozs., Queensland, 638,000 ozs., Western Australia, 281,265 ozs.

\* The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., in Western Australia as £3 16s., and in Queensland as £3 1cs. per oz. Standard gold (i.e., 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d., and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d., per oz.

† Including Northern Territory.

a Quantity declared for export only.

TABLE XXXI.—COAL RAISED, 1895.

Colony.	Coal Raised.		Average Price at Pit's Mouth at end of Year.
	Quantity.	Value.	
	tons.	£	s. d.
Victoria ...	194,226	118,400	12 2½
New South Wales ...	3,738,589	1,095,327	5 10½
Queensland ...	323,068	132,530	8 2½
Total ...	4,255,883	1,346,257	6 4
Tasmania ...	33,349	14,029	8 4
New Zealand ...	740,827	410,762	11 1½
Grand total ...	5,030,059	1,771,048	7 0½

TABLE XXXII.—BANKS OF ISSUE.—AVERAGE OF QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1895

Name of Colony.	Number of Banks.*	Paid-up Capital.	Deposits.	Bank Notes in Circulation.	Advances.	Coin and Bullion.
			£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	11	£23,700,000	30,295,362	960,300	39,035,087	8,213,550
New South Wales ...	13		30,085,406	1,223,864	38,502,387	7,516,280
Queensland ...	11		11,266,256	7,295†	15,401,811	2,160,087
South Australia ...	8		6,750,876	402,596	4,900,386	1,953,404
Western Australia ...	6		3,437,631	282,569	2,523,091	1,676,979
Total ...	18*		81,835,531	2,876,624	100,362,762	21,520,300
Tasmania ...	4		3,137,252	95,988	2,356,712	764,670
New Zealand ...	5		13,544,415	861,717	14,294,724	3,333,272
Grand Total ...	22*		98,517,198	3,834,329	117,014,198	25,618,242

\* Net number; many banks do business in more than one colony.

† In Queensland, Treasury notes have taken the place of bank notes. On the 30th June, 1895, the value of Treasury notes outstanding was £805,044, of which £440,027 was the value of those held by Banks, and £365,017 the value of those in circulation.

TABLE XXXIII.—PUBLIC SAVINGS BANKS, 1895.  
(Including both Government and Trustee Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.*				Maximum Amount on which Interest is allowed.	Interest allowed Depositors in—	
	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.			Government Banks.	Trustee Banks.
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.			
Victoria ...	336,531	28.48	£ 7,265,487	£ s. d. 21 11 9	£ 250	per cent. 2 and 2½†	per cent. 2 and 2½†
New South Wales ...	202,802	15.87	8,073,544	39 16 2	200	4½	4½
Queensland ...	56,421	12.25	2,286,810	40 10 7	200	3½	...
South Australia ...	86,968	24.66	2,628,652	30 4 6	...	...	4 and 3½
Western Australia ...	8,323	8.22	221,815	26 13 0	500	3¾	...
Total ...	691,045	20.48	20,476,308	29 12 7	...	...	...
Tasmania ...	29,220	18.17	648,223	22 3 8	150	3½	3½
New Zealand ...	163,513	23.40	4,620,696	28 5 2	500	4 and 3½	4
Grand Total	883,778	20.88	25,745,227	29 2 7	...	...	...

NOTE.—There are both Government and Trustee Banks in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand; Government Savings Banks only in Queensland and Western Australia; and Trustee Banks only in South Australia. All the Government Savings Banks are managed by the Postal Departments except that for Queensland.

\* Except in the case of Western Australia, for which the figures relate to 30th June, 1895. On 30th June, 1896, the number of Depositors in that colony increased to 16,160, and the amount on deposit to £460,610.

† Rate reduced on 1st March, 1895, from 3 per cent. on all deposits under £250 to 2½ per cent. for the first £100 or under, and to 2 per cent. for any excess over that amount up to £250.

‡ But only 3 per cent. in Government, and 3½ per cent. in Trustee Banks, on accounts opened or closed during the year. Rates reduced uniformly to 3 per cent. in 1896.

ADDENDUM TO TABLE XXXIII.—GENERAL SAVINGS BANKS OF VICTORIA AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

		Victoria, 1895-6.	New South Wales, 1895.			Victoria 1895-6.	New South Wales, 1895.	Rate of Interest Realized.*
						£	£	
At end of year—				Investments at end of year—				
Depositors ...	No.	215,685	71,099	Deposits with Colonial				
Deposits ...	£	4,328,776	3,951,875	Treasurer ...		1,602,351†	1,232,935	3.95
Depositors having at credit—	Percentage.		Percentage.	Lent on Mortgage ...		1,315,771†	1,123,215	5.78
£20 and under ...	...	81	54	Government Debentures ...		553,784	55,862	5.26
£20 to £50 ...	...	7½	14	Municipal Debentures ...		63,400	19,754	4.25
£50 to £100 ...	...	5	10½	Treasury Bills ...		...	759,169	4.40
£100 to £200 ...	...	4	12	Bank Deposits ...		...	913,740	
£200 to £250 ...	...	1	9	Do. Working Account ...		118,409	65,820	
£250 to £300 ...	...	1½	½	Freeholds acquired by fore-				
Over £300 ...	...			closure ...		381,369	...	
Earnings during year—				Bank premises ...		117,690	38,000	
Gross ...	£	145,813	180,797	Total ...		4,152,774	4,208,495	
Discharges ...	£	27,817	16,188	Reserves—				
Net ...	£	117,996	164,609	Reserve fund ...		...	235,528	
Paid to depositors ...	£	90,292	140,477	Depreciation account ...		21,058	23,590	
Carried to reserves...	£	27,704	24,132	Fidelity guarantee fund ...		2,747	...	
				Profit and loss account ...		...	3,094	
				Total ...		23,805	262,212	

\* Average during year.  
† Including £1,093,486 bank deposit receipts, the balance being cash.  
‡ Including £151,258 loans to farmers.  
§ Included in first item.



APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1895.

\*\* Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

Year.	Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).		
	Males.	Females.	Total.				Males.	Females.	Total.
1878	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1879	67,697	52,962	120,659	3,654	3,532	1,356	2,098	288	2,386
1880	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1881	71,323	57,188	128,511	4,321	4,411	1,056	1,100	58	1,158
1882	72,376	57,703	130,079	4,552	4,933	1,280	2,561	511	3,072
1883	71,540	58,354	129,894	4,649	5,310	1,097	2,013	546	2,559
1884	71,011	57,512	128,523	4,540	8,592	978	2,292	980	3,272
1885	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1886	68,727	57,283	126,010	4,253	5,502	1,155	...	...	1,273
1887	66,144	58,514	124,658	4,749	4,365	1,167	...	...	276
1888	66,635	58,806	125,441	4,709	4,236	966	627	190	817
1889	67,480	57,439	124,919	4,289	4,906	1,102	475	180	655
1890	67,902	57,780	125,682	3,681	4,035	1,980	968	392	1,360
1891	67,981	57,421	125,402	4,335	5,948	1,065	993	377	1,370
1892	68,239	57,203	125,442	4,397	5,679	1,058	1,257	491	1,748
1893	67,507	55,205	122,712	4,600	5,659	1,106	535	242	777
1894	67,159	54,708	121,867	4,405	5,151	1,198	871	228	1,099
1895	66,350	53,895	120,245	4,154	5,812	1,241	1,175	461	1,636

Year.	Emigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expendi- ture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.				
1878	638	71	709	£ 42,697	£ 18,324	£ 61,021	£ 65,267	£ 100,000	£ 136,608	£ 192,865
1879	313	32	345	£ 46,260	£ 21,511	£ 67,771	£ 71,108	£ 120,000	£ 142,213	£ 169,040
1880	170	18	188	£ 46,544	£ 34,134	£ 80,678	£ 91,102	£ 210,000	£ 185,741	£ 229,528
1881	860	24	884	£ 49,606	£ 37,837	£ 87,443	£ 89,960	£ 254,025	£ 276,040	£ 174,146
1882	1,066	73	1,139	£ 59,518	£ 51,796	£ 111,314	£ 109,986	£ 254,025	£ 303,329	£ 190,517
1883	1,251	94	1,345	£ 74,805	£ 32,009	£ 106,814	£ 88,277	£ 254,025	£ 450,595	£ 351,998
1884	693	60	753	£ 68,162	£ 23,361	£ 91,523	£ 98,468	£ 254,025	£ 434,522	£ 345,344
1885	1,681	265	1,946	£ 62,985	£ 13,684	£ 76,669	£ 92,209	£ 264,025	£ 294,585	£ 326,750
1886	...	...	2,113	£ 51,882	£ 12,692	£ 64,574	£ 78,133	£ 264,695	£ 230,742	£ 283,496
1887	...	...	1,634	£ 41,616	£ 23,300	£ 64,916	£ 73,150	£ 265,389	£ 188,071	£ 281,080
1888	267	31	298	£ 44,223	£ 20,795	£ 65,018	£ 58,993	£ 253,289	£ 183,222	£ 376,978
1889	410	187	597	£ 44,316	£ 19,406	£ 63,722	£ 57,710	£ 251,090	£ 189,393	£ 364,282
1890	239	41	280	£ 46,928	£ 19,889	£ 66,817	£ 60,826	£ 248,989	£ 206,757	£ 364,533
1891	364	125	489	£ 57,267	£ 13,983	£ 71,250	£ 67,820	£ 246,690	£ 253,049	£ 474,334
1892	...	...	607	£ 57,282	£ 14,271	£ 71,553	£ 67,652	£ 243,236	£ 253,586	£ 434,791
1893	396	187	583	£ 58,090	£ 18,684	£ 76,774	£ 85,981	£ 239,682	£ 276,398	£ 355,632
1894	822	405	1,227	£ 64,556	£ 15,498	£ 80,054	£ 72,203	£ 224,677	£ 285,981	£ 581,652
1895	522	442	964	£ 63,215	£ 15,025	£ 78,240	£ 76,204	£ 221,037	£ 241,759	£ 332,208

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1895—continued.

Year.			Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year.*	Live Stock.			
			Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—			
			Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.†
1878	...	...	124	23,180	128	24,080	acres. 39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	...	...	131	28,967	125	28,085	23,559	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	...	...	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	...	...	164	35,542	160	35,230	75,627	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	...	...	163	43,768	165	43,757	65,745	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	...	...	198	68,530	193	69,322	31,665	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	...	...	150	63,246	144	64,731	38,325	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	...	...	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1886	...	...	118	54,132	113	51,237	14,028	567	6,841	6,055	50,000
1887	...	...	119	46,902	118	44,865	8,120	647	6,778	6,508	1,711
1888	...	...	106	49,579	110	51,548	6,300	684	6,754	6,996	1,903
1889	...	...	89	51,220	81	47,303	5,059	695	8,768	6,838	2,089
1890	...	...	79	56,711	89	60,644	2,824	695	6,988	6,800	2,000
1891	...	...	101	69,276	97	68,865	...	959	9,861	6,072	1,778
1892	...	...	91	71,444	91	67,865	6,935	1,202	9,462	6,050	1,736
1893	...	...	92	75,431	85	71,957	2,623	1,381	10,134	5,082	2,116
1894	...	...	135	128,622	135	130,251	...	1,538	9,386	4,130	1,478
1895	...	...	142	118,533	139	116,869	90‡	1,579	11,018	4,037	1,452

NOTE.—The following additional information is for the year 1895:—Birth rate, 34·31; Death rate, 48·01; Marriage rate, 10·25, per 1,000 persons living. *Immigration*—The total number of arrivals in 1895 was 2,241, of whom 593 were Europeans. *Emigration* (1895)—Total departures, 1,190, of whom 426 were Europeans.

*Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £35,197; other taxes, £28,018; other sources, £15,025. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £9,317; Post Office, &c., £3,380; general administration, £31,839; law and protection, £16,057; public works, £10,909; other expenditure, £4,702. *Public Debt*—In 1895, consisted of £99,637 Imperial advances, bearing no interest, in aid of annexation, and in payment of compensation in respect of disallowed land claims; £100,000 for payment of liabilities of former so-called Government; and £50,000 for public works and immigration, less £28,600 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent.

*Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £220,146, or 91 per cent., was from the Australasian Colonies (over four-fifths being from New South Wales and about one-sixth from New Zealand), and £21,613 from other countries; and of the total value of exports, £159,180, or 78 per cent., was to Australasian Colonies (nearly two-thirds being to New Zealand, one-sixth to Victoria, and one-tenth to New South Wales), and £73,028 to other countries; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Postal Returns* (1895)—Number of offices, 32; letters, 370,199; newspapers, 290,200. *Education*—Number of schools, 5 (2 public and 3 private); teachers, 16, viz., 5 males and 11 females; scholars on the rolls, 387, viz., 217 males and 170 females.

*Agriculture*—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 39,834 acres. The area and produce of the principal crops in 1895 were as follow:—

Area in Acres.				Produce.	
Maize	..	..	359	20,000 bushels	Exports only.
Cocoanuts	..	..	17,591	Nuts, 3,849 sacks; copra, 9,244 tons	
Sugar	..	..	17,736	23,210 tons	
Bananas	..	..	1,726	114,024 bunches	
Tea	..	..	180	..	
Peanuts	..	..	516	87 tons	
Beans	..	..	1,007	..	Exports only.
Pine-apples, hemp, coffee, tobacco, rice, tapioca	..	..	719	Pines and bananas, 20,725 cases; cotton, 4½ tons	

\* The total area alienated at the end of 1895 was 422,990 acres, and the area unalienated 4,530,930 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1895 was only £27,001, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of One shilling.

† Returns from Europeans only since 1886

‡ Against this there were Crown grants recalled for correction of an area of 98 acres.

# APPENDIX B.

## STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1894-5.

AREA, 90,000 SQUARE MILES.

Financial Year.	Estimated Population.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Value of—		Shipping.				Gold Produced.*		Postal Returns.					
		Locally Raised.	Provided by Guarantee.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Quantity.	Value.	Received.			Despatched.		
								Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.			Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1888-9 †	Between 300,000 and 350,000	£ 2,680	£ 12,320	£ 15,000	£ 10,770	£ 11,109	£ 5,943	198	7,482	188	6,952	ozs. 3,850	£ 14,387	2,366	93	4,071	2,587	98	574
1889-90		3,016	11,984	15,000	14,975	16,104	6,455	92	5,897	96	6,287	3,470	12,440	3,166	111	6,844	2,586	84	590
1890-91		2,674	12,326	15,000	15,000	15,530	8,434	64	4,597	61	4,365	2,426	8,371	2,664	142	6,042	2,191	88	468
1891-2		4,784	10,216	15,000	15,000	23,755	11,289	56	4,966	55	5,977	1,235	4,322	4,393	260	8,505	3,917	160	756
1892-3		4,605	10,395	15,000	15,000	25,261	14,966	42	3,351	34	3,300	582	2,236	4,679	230	6,749	4,011	427	276
1893-4		5,867	9,133	15,000	15,000	28,501	14,952	35	3,872	27	2,791	1,128	3,906	6,280	157	8,131	5,297	467	240
1894-5		5,109	9,891	15,000	15,000	28,367	16,215	104	6,605	78	6,082	728	2,565	6,279	129	7,146	6,189	468	776

NOTES.—The Finances are supplied by a sum not exceeding £15,000 per annum, for which the Colony of Queensland has made itself primarily responsible, Victoria and New South Wales contributing equally with Queensland towards this amount. Local revenue is applied in reduction of the sums payable by the contributing colonies, and any credit balance in the appropriation account must be written off at the end of the year.

Crown lands may be alienated for agricultural purposes, at not less than 2s. 6d. per acre, conditional on the introduction of some new industry. Where no such condition as to improvements is imposed, the minimum prices are:—For agricultural land, 10s. per acre; pastoral land, 2s.; for trading or fishing purposes, £5; and for cocoanut planting, 5s. per acre. Areas not exceeding 50 acres may be sold under deferred payments, extending over 5 years, the minimum price in such cases being £1 per acre.

The following is additional information for the year 1894-5:—*Population*.—It is impossible to obtain anything more than a rude guess at the total of the indigenous population. The non-native population of the Possession in April, 1891, was about 272, of whom only 156 were whites, the remainder being chiefly Polynesians, Malays, &c. *Sources of Local Revenue*.—Customs duties, £4,622; licences, £247; gold-fields, £26; fees, fines, &c., £105; miscellaneous, £109. *Heads of Expenditure*.—Salaries and allowances, £8,502; vessels, £2,114; buildings, £397; agriculture, £145; mail service, £900; and miscellaneous, £2,942. *Chief Exports*.—Bêche-de-mer, value £1,088; sandalwood, £2,568; gold, £2,565; pearl shell, value £3,005; copra, 427 tons, value £2,830.

\* Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the gold-fields fell off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9 to about 40 in 1891-2; but again increased to over 200 in 1894-5, owing to the discovery of a new gold-field at Murna or Woodlark, and prospecting is being vigorously pursued along the course of the rivers N.E. coast with rather encouraging prospects.

† Ten months only.



## APPENDIX C.

## STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1895.

Period.	Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.							
	Victoria.	New South Wales.*	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
DECADES.								
1851-60 ...	87,963	71,649	...	48,905	...	16,636	†	225,153
1861-70 ...	46,594	18,212	1,617	13,730	...	1,852	†	82,005
1871-80 ...	5,545	24,412	50,782	25,415	889	477	100,920	208,440
1881-90 ...	2	34,079	103,140	7,295	4,552	2,734	14,614	166,416
YEAR.								
1891 ...	...	190	2,676	...	134	...	44	3,044
1892 ...	...	179	729	...	317	...	...	1,225
1893 ...	...	120	...	...	186	...	...	306
1894 ...	...	67	...	...	199	...	...	266
1895 ...	...	37	...	...	144	...	...	81
Total ...	140,104	148,945	158,944	95,345	6,421	21,699	115,578†	687,036†

NOTE.—For particulars relating to each year, see issues of these Statistics for 1893 and previous years.

\* In New South Wales, prior to the period embraced in the table, there were 62,961 assisted immigrants between 1832 and 1850.

† Exclusive of the numbers for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.